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ENTREPRENEURS

City's new innovation advocate talks priorities

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Getting more women into Toronto's startup scene will be a top priority for the mayor's new innovation czar.

Coun. Michelle Holland was named the city's Advocate for the Innovation Economy this week in a shuffle at the mid-term point of John Tory's four-year term.

Holland told Metro she'll spend her time meeting with entrepreneurs, and investors, looking for ways to be more "proactive" in the face of disruptors like Uber and Airbnb, as well as getting more gender diversity in Toronto startups.

According to a 2014 U.S. study out of Babson College business school in Massachusetts, only 2.7 per cent of venture capital funds went to companies headed by women between 2011 and 2013.

While Holland said she doesn't have comparable stats for Toronto, she knows startups here are "definitely behind on gender."

"You can go into a room and there will be not very many women at all," said the Scarborough Southwest councillor, who is also pushing to get more women on city boards.

She's still figuring out her next steps in the new role, but one of the first ones will be to appoint an advisory board that will be well stocked with talented women.

"It's not about taking away from anybody, this is just about growing the other part," she said.

Marie Chevrier, CEO and founder of Toronto based start-up Sampler, has managed to raise more than $2 million from investors but said it can be tough for female entrepreneurs like herself.

Coun. Michelle Holland was named the city's Advocate for the Innovation Economy this week. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Marie Chevrier CONTRIBUTED

"I'd say that amongst my peers of women founders we have found it's not impossible, it just takes a little longer," she said over the phone from Silicone Valley.

Michelle McBane, an investment director with the investment accelerator fund at MARS, said one of the reasons is because there are fewer women investors.

Since "people invest in what they've had success with and what they know and what they recognize," it can be hard to break away from the startup CEO stereotype of "tech guy with a hoodie," McBane said.

Small steps, like a recent $50 million from the Business Development Bank of Canada to provide money for female entrepreneurs, are a big help to tipping the balance, she said.

DISABILITIES

Accessibility services at city hall not 'effective'

Gilbert Ngabo
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A local disability advocate is literally taking her fight directly to City Hall.

Council is poised to vote next week on a proposal that would make municipal meeting rooms accessible to those who are visually impaired or have problems hearing or speaking.

The proposal, which was adopted by the executive committee earlier this month, calls for the use of screen readers, audio descriptions and sign language during meetings to make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate in the political process.

The city's current policy requires people make requests for such services in advance. That isn't "effective," said Terri-Lynn Langdon, a social worker and advocate who wrote a letter to the city asking for the change.

"We should have these things in place already, without putting the onus on the individuals who need the service," she told Metro.

Lack of access to the communication tools can contribute to people feeling isolated and neglected, she added.

"This is already a disenfranchised community, so only the usual suspects will show up at meetings if the process is long."

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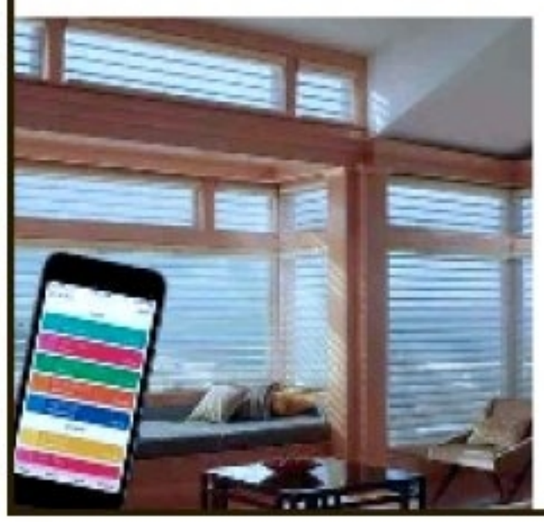

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Drug testing raises ire of transit union

TTC

Employees will be tested at random on Mar. 1, 2017

The TTC has provoked the ire of its largest union by announcing that it will begin randomly testing its employees for drug and alcohol use starting on March 1.

In a news release on Thursday, the transit agency said that it had given formal notice to its workers that it was moving ahead with the plan, which has been in the works for five years.

Under the plan, 20 per cent of employees occupied in "safety sensitive" positions — including some management and executives — would be subject to the tests for drugs and alcohol. Those who would be tested include vehicle operators, maintenance workers, and supervisors.

The release said that the program would only detect "likely impairment" at the time of the test. In response to the news, the union representing 10,000 TTC employees declared it intends to file a court injunction against the testing scheme.

Bob Kinnear, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, doubts the TTC's claimed number of positive tests, and said they didn't justify subjecting workers to tests that could potentially ruin their livelihoods. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bob Kinnear, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113, claimed that the Supreme Court has ruled that random drug testing is unlawful unless the employer can show justification.

The TTC has said it has received legal advice confirming that its plans are legal. Kinnear said that the union planned to file an injunction within a week.

> **It's clear the TTC does not have justification for it.**
> Bob Kinnear

Under a "fitness for duty" policy implemented in 2010, the TTC already tests employees for impairment if management has "reasonable cause" or if the employee is involved in a safety-related incident, has violated the policy, or has returned from addiction treatment.

The agency says that it has seen a sharp increase in positive tests or refusals to be tested in recent years. There were nine in 2011, 16 in 2013, and 27 in 2015.

Kinnear said he doubted whether the TTC's numbers could be trusted, but that even taken at face value, they didn't justify subjecting the bulk of the agency's work force to tests that could ruin their livelihood.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Network Presto switch not expected until 2018

The TTC's full conversion to the Presto fare card system will take longer than the transit agency had previously told the public.

At a meeting of the Metrolinx board of directors on Thursday, Robert Hollis, Metrolinx vice president for Presto, said he expected that it could be "well into 2018" before Toronto's transit agency will be able to phase out all other forms of payment in favour of the fare card.

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The TTC had previously told the media and said in public documents that tickets, tokens, and passes would be phased out in 2017. A TTC spokesperson said that the mixed messaging was the result of confusion about when the agency would stop selling older forms of payment, as opposed to when it would stop accepting them. Exactly when in 2018 isn't clear.

"There will be a point I would say sometime later next year when we're in a position where we start thinking about withdrawing certain fare media, but we haven't had that discussion or landed any particular dates yet," Hollis said.

"I'd say somewhere later next year that that starts to begin. And then well into 2018 could be a point where much of the legacy fare media has been retired."

The TTC's chief customer officer and deputy CEO Chris Upfold said that there had been no change in plans and "there is no delay."

He said that the TTC had always intended to stop selling tickets, tokens, and passes by the end of next year, but it will have to continue to accept some older forms of payment beyond that date.

The TTC can't refund the tokens because their price fluctuates from year to year and the agency has no way of knowing their value when customers bought them.

The Presto system is owned by Metrolinx, the provincial transit agency for the GTHA. As of March 31, its installation on the TTC had cost $276.7 million, more than $20 million more than initial estimates.

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Campfire collaborations

CANADIAN IDENTITY

Indigenous people, artists to gather to discuss change

Gilbert Ngabo
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Amy Miranda, executive producer and founder of Lunch Inc. is partnering with The Mission Business and dozens of other independent artists to organize See Thee Rise initiative. CONTRIBUTED

Campfire gatherings are the way to go in building the true Canadian identity.

That's according to the leaders of a new initiative which, starting next year, will stage campfire conversations across the country on the very topic.

See Thee Rise — or Tes Brillants Exploits in French — is a program run by a variety of Canadian independent artists in collaboration with members of indigenous communities, with the goal to unite Canadians and ignite change that goes beyond the country's 150th anniversary.

"There's no real statement on where we want to go in the next 150 years," said Amy Miranda, a creative producer and one of the campaign organizers.

"We want to talk to people in their communities and hear what they want to see happening where they live. That's true democracy."

The group has already started to reach out to people through online platforms to gather ideas about what constitutes true Canadian identity.

By June next year, they'll descend right into every province, territory and major city, organizing community gatherings around campfires — which, according to Miranda, are the best traditional way to bring people together.

The final results of the project will be compiled in what will be called a Charter for the Future, a reflection of what Canadians want to see in the process of uniting and unifying the country.

Much of what they've so far gathered from online forms is centred on welcoming new Canadians, relationships with indigenous people, climate change and the country's future.

As much as the initiative was partly sparked by what has been happening south of the border — the election of Donald Trump, police relations with black communities, Standing Rock protests among other topics — Miranda insisted the project is not a political undertaking.

"We just want a frank conversation about our values, our identity, our dreams as Canadians, about the kind of life we want to have," she said.

CITY NEWS

One dead in club shooting

The victim of a deadly shooting in East York on Wednesday night was likely killed by a single gunshot, Toronto police said Thursday. Ardian Kaloshi, 46, who was known to police, was gunned down outside a social club on Donlands Ave., said Det.-Sgt. Mike Patterson.

No suspects have been publicly identified.

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Advocates praise new child protection legislation

Advocates, child protection workers and youth are praising the introduction of historic provincial legislation that puts the needs of Ontario's most vulnerable children at the heart of every decision about their care. The proposed new Child, Youth and Family Services Act, tabled in the legislature Thursday, would replace existing legislation with a modern, child-centred act, that will strengthen the rights of children and youth, said Michael Coteau, minister for children and youth services.

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COMMUNITY

Trade goods and skills at the Alternative Gift Shop

May Warren
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If braving a packed mall last minute in search of elusive Christmas gifts seems too daunting, you might want to check out the Alternative Gift Shop.

The Toronto Tool Library and the Sharing Depot are joining forces this weekend for the event, which offers new and gently used items ranging from books to clothing for exchange.

"In a nutshell, we're trying to do our part to minimize consumerism during the holidays," said organizer Ryan Dyment, who said there were between 3,000 and 4,000 trades at last year's event.

If you don't have anything to trade you can show up offering skills, whether that's an hour of snow shovelling or help repairing something.

Ryan Dyment, co-founder of the Tool Library, is one of the people behind this weekend's alternative gift exchange. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"Everything is equal, so you can bring a brand new power drill or a new baby toy and they're all worth the same," said Dyment.

It's one way for people to "save a few bucks on Christmas and hopefully reduce some waste," during a season that can mean a lot of garbage.

To that end, the city has already started encouraging people to sort waste correctly this holiday season to make sure everything than can be recycled or composted makes it to the right place.

The Toronto Environmental Alliance is also on the trail with a campaign aimed at reducing waste.

Emily Alfred, who works with the alliance, is urging people to think twice before buying gifts "for the sake of buying something for someone so people have something to unwrap."

Aside from the problem created for landfills, the holidays and all the consumer goods that come with them are a prime time to consider another issue: wasting resources.

"A lot energy goes into making something," Alfred noted.

CHECK IT OUT

How to grab one of those unusual items

Check out the Alternative Gift Shop at The Shore Leave, 1775 Danforth Ave., from 4:30 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

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TIPS

5 Ways to cut waste for the holidays

1. Instead of buying loved ones stuff, give them an experience like a spa gift certificate.
2. Buy gently used gifts. There are plenty of great used and consignment stores in Toronto and you'll be doing the environment a favour.
3. Take the decorations off your tree before setting it out for collection and don't use a bag. According to the city, this is the biggest post-Christmas issue. Bags and decorations can't be processed as yard waste.
4. Sort your post-holiday garbage the right way, with wrapping paper in the blue bin. If you use paper plates, they can go in the green bin along with paper towels and napkins.
5. Beer, wine and holiday liquor bottles can go back to the Beer Store — and score a deposit as a bonus.

MAY WARREN/METRO

Moazzam Tariq arrives at Old City Hall court for the verdict in his sexual assault trial on Oct. 7. TORSTAR

Man convicted of sex assault flees Canada

COURTS

Man went to Pakistan to avoid being sentenced

A Brampton man who was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman while she was clearly too intoxicated to consent has fled to Pakistan before he could be sentenced.

Moazzam Tariq, 29, had been released on a $10,000 bail following his arrest in July 2015.

He remained on bail following his conviction in October, and had surrendered his Pakistani passport.

According to the Crown, Tariq used a different passport to travel to Pakistan on Nov. 18.

Tariq's disappearance was first reported to the court on Dec. 1 when he failed to appear at the sentencing hearing.

Ontario Court Justice Mara Greene found that Tariq had absconded to avoid being sentenced and ordered that the sentencing hearing proceed without him.

Greene noted that there was no legal reason to have revoked Tariq's bail following his conviction.

His lawyer, Danielle Robitaille was removed as Tariq's lawyer at her request and did not make submissions.

The victim, whose identity is subject to a publication ban, and Tariq first met at a downtown Toronto club, and he immediately and repeatedly encouraged her to drink vodka.

When they left the club together 13 minutes later, she could barely walk, surveillance video shows. The last surveillance video from that night shows them in an elevator going up to a room at the Thompson Hotel.

The Crown is still seeking a sentence of three years in prison, and a sentencing decision is expected later this month.

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CRIME

Child porn arrest

A man has been charged in a child pornography investigation, following the execution of a search warrant on Wednesday in the University Ave. and Adelaide St. W area. The man was arrested after members of TPS Sex Crimes Child Exploitation Section found child sexual abuse material at the above address. He appeared in court later that day. Aaron Kimball, 27, of Toronto is charged with two counts of possession of child pornography and with access(ing) child pornography.

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EDUCATION

Trustee urged to step down due to allegations

Parents and community groups are urging a York Region trustee to step down while the board investigates allegations she used a racial slur while referring to a black parent.

Some are even calling on the education minister to intervene at the troubled board, which has been plagued with accusations in recent months that it does not properly deal with incidents of racism or Islamophobia.

"I'm disturbed. I'm shocked. I'm appalled," said Shernett Martin of the Vaughan African Canadian Association — which recently launched a human rights complaint against the board alongside the National Council of Canadian Muslims. "They need to clean house at the York Region District School Board."

In the meantime, she said, Elgie should step aside, and if not, the board or education ministry needs to force her.

The York board has brought in outside legal counsel to look into accusations that Elgie, a trustee since 2000, referred to a black parent as a "n—" in front of others after a public meeting Nov. 22. A report is expected before the end of the year.

Elgie, 82, could not be reached for comment on Thursday.

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Filipino men place their hands over their heads as they are rounded up in Manila during a police operation as part of **President Rodrigo Duterte's war on drugs.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto Filipinos worry about home

WAR ON DRUGS

Philippines' police have shot more than 3,000 to death

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Thousands of kilometres away from her hometown of Samar in the south of Philippines, Sonia Pormarca Carreon has been finding it hard to sleep.

"I have four sons in that country. And the police is shooting people every day," said the Scarborough resident ,who came to Toronto more than two years ago as a live-in caregiver. "Honestly, I am very worried about their lives. I know they have not done anything wrong but the situation is so scary."

The situation she's referring to is the ongoing war on drugs, which President Rodrigo Duterte unleashed after he took office in July. Reports say more than 3,000 people have been shot to death by police officers during anti-drug operations since then.

The crackdown has drawn criticism from politicians, including Barrack Obama, observers and human rights defenders, who accuse the government of extrajudicial killings of unarmed people simply because they're suspected of drug trafficking.

The violent scenes playing out across the country are in sharp contrast with what Carreon remembers. It felt peaceful to walk on the streets of Manila when she was there. Now, she and others are afraid to return.

"What the president is doing is not legal and it's not diplomatic," she said, noting the best approach to deal with drugs would be a fair trial for the accused and a chance for them to turn their lives around if found guilty.

Ernie Reyes, a Filipino-Canadian who's lived in Toronto for the past 23 years, said it's alarming to see the country's descent into chaos.

"I don't like drugs. I hate drugs," he said. "But there should be a better way to deal with those accused than just shoot people."

POLICE-INVOLVED FATALITY

Family mourns Taser victim

On the morning of November 4, Rui Nabico awoke in his family in a quiet residential corner of the city's northwest. He spoke to his parents before they left for work and, according to his sister, "all was perfectly normal."

Hours later, the family would learn there had been a serious incident involving police on their street. Officers were called after reports of a man brandishing two knives and screaming. After a Taser was deployed, a 31-year-old man died. It was Nabico.

Rui Nabico. CONTRIBUTED

More than a month after Nabico's death — the fourth Toronto police-involved fatality in 2016 — his family is speaking out for the first time.

"To many, it was just another news story that day," Nabico's sister, Tania Nabico, said. "To us he was a human being we loved so very much that was taken from us far too soon."

The death is now being probed by Ontario's Special Investigations Unit, the civilian agency that investigates deaths involving police.

No one from the Nabico family was home at the time of the incident. But Tania Nabico said if the witness accounts of a threatening man are accurate, the behaviour is "completely out of character" for her brother.

The family instead describes Nabico as a generous, fun and caring man who was previously employed in construction and enjoyed working with his hands. His passion was cars — he loved fixing them up, and he had completely restored his first set of wheels, a 1963 Ford Galaxie.

In the dark about the final moments of Nabico's life, she said her family is having a difficult time accepting the death. They have been advised that the investigation can be lengthy and are attempting to respect the SIU's process, but it is difficult, Nabico said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doug Ford improperly used influence

CITY HALL

Integrity commissioner findings say he 'wore two hats'

As a councillor, Doug Ford improperly used his influence at city hall to benefit clients of his family business, a city watchdog has concluded.

Two and a half years after an investigation was first launched into the former Etobicoke North councillor and his brother Rob — the late ex-mayor — integrity commissioner Valerie Jepson found the surviving Ford broke council's code of conduct.

The investigation stems from complaints by advocacy group Democracy Watch and two residents following reports first published by the Globe and Mail regarding Ford's dealings with two Toronto businesses, R.R. Donnelley and Sons and Apollo Health and Beauty Care — both which had been clients of the Ford company Deco Labels and Tags.

"Councillor Ford took no steps to establish clear lines of separation between his responsibilities as a member of council and his duties as a principal of Deco," Jepson found in her report to council published Thursday, finding Ford improperly "wore two hats."

Both Doug Ford and Rob Ford, when he was alive, rigorously maintained no wrongdoing on their parts. Jepson recorded Doug Ford's response that he believed he was at all times acting in the city's interest in terms of cost savings and that he gained nothing by the interactions.

Ford did not respond to a request for comment about the integrity commissioner's findings.

"Even if I accept that Councillor Ford was motivated by advancing the greater good of the city or that his actions were no different than they would have been for another corporation, this does not absolve Councillor Ford from his duty not to use the influence of his office to his or Deco's private advantage," Jepson wrote.

The commissioner recommended no sanctions against Doug Ford. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doug Ford. CARLOS OSORIO/ TORONTO STAR

EDUCATION

Drake's high school to close next year

Vaughan Road Academy, the storied high school once attended by rap star Drake, won't get to celebrate its 91st birthday.

But there was more than sadness in the room Wednesday as Toronto District School Board trustees made the final decision to close the school as of next June because of declining enrolment.

There was also worry and anger among those who say board policies allowing students to select their high schools is contributing to a widening gap between the city's have and have-not neighbourhoods.

Optional attendance allowing kids to opt out of local high schools and choose one in another district "is killing the neighbourhood school," says Vaughan Road teacher Jason Kunin, who watched numbers decline over the last decade to its current level of about 220 students, or 20 per cent capacity.

Kunin is among those who worry the policy, introduced in 1999 to give students more options, has led to schools in areas considered more "desirable" being packed to overcapacity, while those in working-class neighbourhoods like Vaughan Road are left to languish.

Board statistics show as many as 48 per cent of high school students don't attend their designated local school.

Some concerned parents and trustees argue that choice tends to be exercised by those who are more privileged — with the money, time and ability to navigate the system and travel across town.

Drake. INSTAGRAM

"It is not by accident that we are seeing many of these school closures in communities that are low-income and it's not by accident that many of these low-income communities are people of colour," said trustee Neethan Shan.

He urged the board to look at ways its policies may have unwittingly contributed to the disparity.

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COMMUNITY HOUSING

Board moves funds to trim budget gap

The Toronto Community Housing board voted Thursday to amend its 2017 budget, taking $19 million in recently identified surplus funds in order to reduce a $35.2-million shortfall.

That change takes some pressure off Mayor John Tory and the budget committee, who are looking to close a $91-million gap in the city's overall operating budget.

It means that instead of spending the surplus on capital repairs to help fix crumbling buildings, TCH will likely fund that by drawing $22 million from special reserve funds — further burdening the city's finances in 2018 without any commitments from other levels of government to sustainably fund social housing.

That decision, which is ultimately up to the board, contradicts advice from interim CEO Greg Spearn that the priority for any additional funds should be capital repairs and residents' homes.

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Even though they support different English soccer teams, Nigel Atkinson and Mukhtar Nayaleh will be side by side Saturday, cheering for Toronto FC.

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Mates put soccer allegiances aside

TORONTO FC Rivalry

English football can't divide friends' support for Toronto FC

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Almost every weekend is an occasion to revive a friendly rivalry between Toronto soccer foes.

Take Nigel Atkinson and Mukhtar Nayaleh, for example.

Atkinson is a staunch supporter of Arsenal FC, while Nayaleh is a long time devotee of English Premier League archrival Manchester City.

The two are close friends, play pickup soccer games together and often watch games together. But each is usually either lionizing his own team or trash-talking the other's.

"It's a friendly rivalry. It's not as if I'm going to set his car on fire or something, but I certainly do like to see his team lose," said Atkinson.

This weekend they'll set all of that aside. The two will be sitting — or rather standing — side by side at BMO Field on Saturday, cheering Toronto FC in the MLS Cup final against the Seattle Sounders.

With the Toronto club making its deepest playoff run ever, thousands of the city's diverse and diehard soccer fans have put old rivalries aside and come together for the hometown team's success.

"That's the greatest thing about Toronto FC now. It has brought everyone in the football diaspora who lives here under the same umbrella," said Atkinson. "It's really great to finally have a common team to cheer for on our home turf. It's fantastic."

Both Toronto FC and Seattle Sounders are relatively young teams, and the Saturday championship clash will be a first-time MLS Cup appearance for both.

Atkinson is happy that Toronto got to host the game and is especially fond of the road it took to get to the finals.

"It was particularly nice that we beat Montreal. Now, that was a rivalry," he said.

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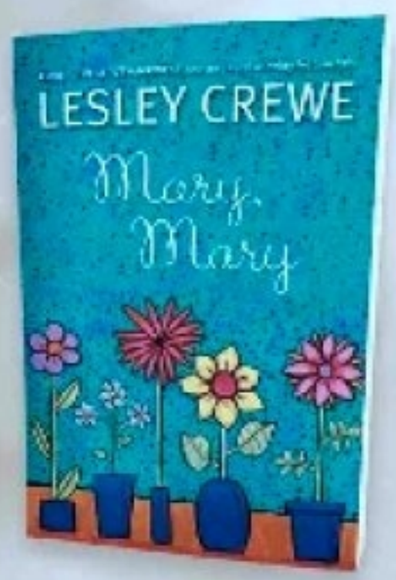

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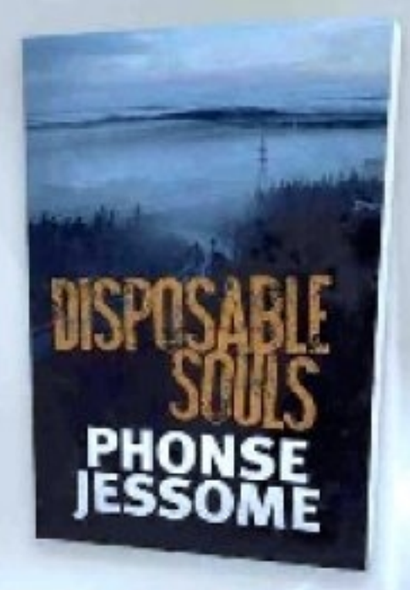

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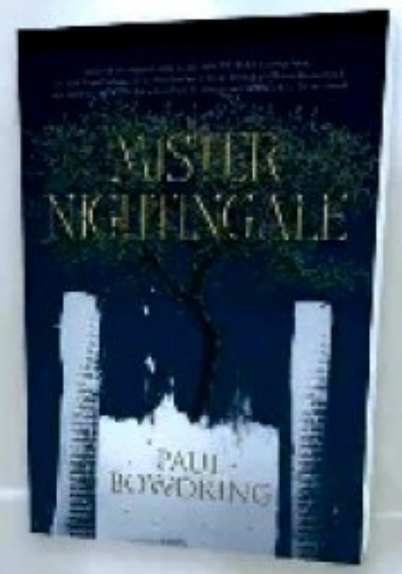

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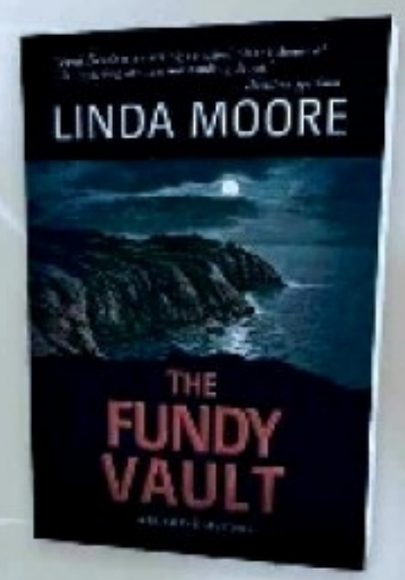

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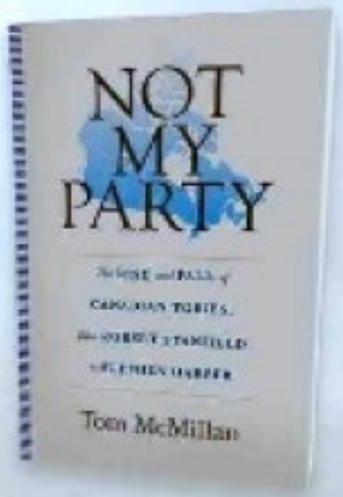

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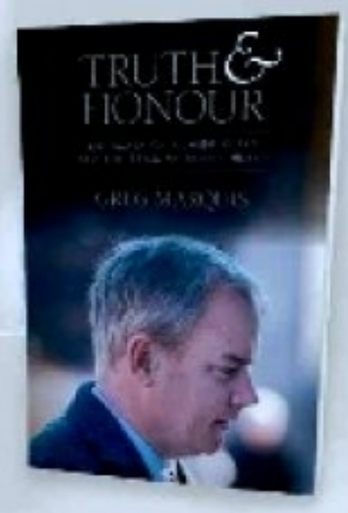

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Artwork marks courthouse site's roots

John McKendrick and Rosemary Sadlier check out the art. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

When Rosemary Sadlier helped unveil the artwork surrounding what will one day be the new Toronto courthouse, land where a prominent black church once stood and where many migrants and immigrants to the city first settled, it was deeply personal.

Sadlier's mother is the last living person in Toronto who worshiped at the British Methodist Episcopal church. Her ancestor was the last minister to oversee the church on Chestnut Street before the congregation moved. Her ancestors had walked on that land, had made memories there. The BME was first built in 1845 by former slaves and later became Toronto's first Chinese United Church, which it remained until it was leveled in 1988.

The next step, Sadlier said, will be "working really hard to make sure the commemoration of the story of this church and its influence is known by many people."

The artwork, which wraps around the construction site, was commissioned by Infrastructure Ontario and was designed and installed by PATCH, a social enterprise that gives artists the chance to exhibit their work in public, using stories and history from the ward's descendants.

The installation "will help ensure we honour the unique history of the site in a visually appealing way during the construction period," said executive vice-president of IO John McKendrick.

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Christian Pavlidis, centre, is one of about 400 women who entered U of T's engineering program this fall.

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Engineering change in classroom

EDUCATION

Women make up 40% of University of Toronto class

May Warren
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Growing up in Mississauga, Christian Pavlidis loved crunching numbers and equations.

"I was always the mathlete and I wasn't afraid to be," she said with a laugh.

Her passion for numbers led her to engineering at the University of Toronto, where she's one of about 1,000 students in the university's first-year class. This year, however, she's joined by more women than she would have been in the past.

The 2016-17 class is 40 per cent female — a 10 per cent jump from last year and well above the average of 20 per cent for all Canadian schools.

Dawn Britton, associate director of outreach for U of T Engineering, said hitting the mark comes after a dedicated push to keep girls from losing that "natural curiosity" and "sense of discovery" all kids are born with.

While younger girls are often interested in math and science, Britton said, that can "erode away" as they hit puberty, due to stereotypes, lack of role models and negative messages, like "girls are bad at math," they can absorb in high school.

To counter that, U of T now does workshops across the city at 350 schools a year with girls as young as Grade 3 and brings young girls to campus to get inspiration from current students.

For Grace Lloyd, having so many other girls in the classroom was a reason she choose engineering at the school.

"There's almost like a girls' community already here," the 18-year-old said. "We sought each other out."

Both she and Pavlidis said they've been lucky to have supportive high schools, families and communities.

Pavlidis understands that as a teenage girl "there's a lot of pressure to hide the fact that you're into math."

But she has a message of "girl power."

"Do not be afraid to be who you are," she said.

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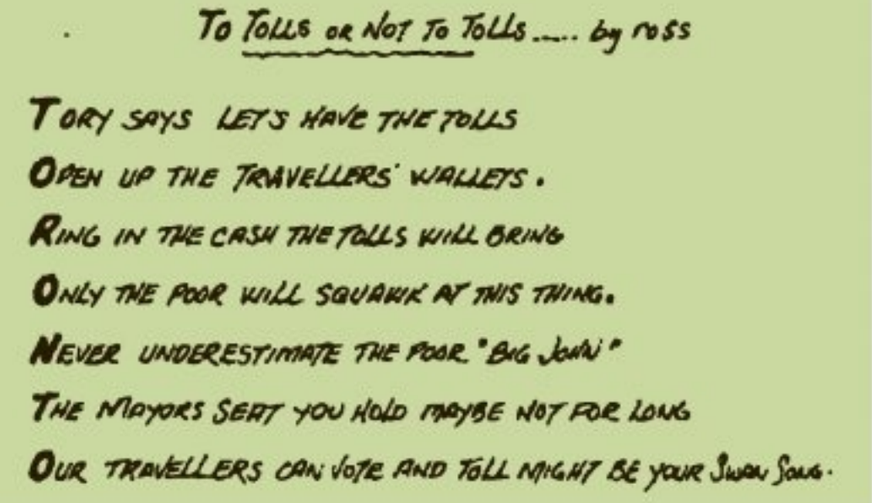

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Desmond to grace $10 bill

MONEY

Viola Desmond defied rules and sat in 'whites-only' section

It had been some time since Viola Desmond last visited the cinema.

The hairdresser and entrepreneur opted to sit close to the front of the theatre; her poor eyesight made it difficult to see from the balcony, the section where black people were expected to sit in those days.

"She wanted to see a movie," Wanda Robson, 89, said Thursday as she recalled the historic day in 1946 when her older sister chose to defy the rules and sit in the Nova Scotia theatre's "whites-only" section.

Given all that followed, Robson said, Desmond would have been honoured to see herself on the $10 bill — a tribute that will make its debut in 2018 when she becomes the first Canadian woman to be celebrated on the face of her country's currency.

"Viola Desmond's own story reminds all of us that big change can start with a moment of dignity and bravery," Finance Minister Bill Morneau said as he unveiled the choice during a news conference in Gatineau, Que.

Wanda Robson speaks about her sister, Viola Desmond, on Thursday. Desmond will be the first Canadian woman on a Canadian banknote. ADRIAN WYLD/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

"She represents courage, strength and determination-qualities we should all aspire to every day."

Desmond is often described as the Canadian version of Rosa Parks, although her act of defiance and subsequent arrest took place much earlier and in a much more spontaneous way than the historic 1955 events of Montgomery, Ala.

She had found herself with some rare time off from her business running a barbershop and hairdressing salon with her husband, and decided to catch a movie at what turned out to be a racially segregated theatre in New Glasgow, N.S.

"She said, 'I stretched out and I was just getting comfortable, and I thought, "Oh, this is nice, and I won't worry about anything,' and then this usher came up and told her she couldn't sit there," Robson said in an interview.

Desmond was arrested and fined. Her decision to fight the charges in court inspired later generations of black people in Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada. The Nova Scotia government granted her a posthumous pardon in 2010.

> **Viola Desmond's own story reminds all of us that big change can start with a moment of dignity and bravery.**
> Bill Morneau

Despite long-standing comparisons to Parks, the U.S. civil rights hero who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger, Desmond's story received little attention until recent years.

Unlike Parks, who was part of an well-organized protest movement seeking its day in court, Desmond's act was a singular act of courage, he added.

Desmond would have wanted no part of that anyway, said Robson. Civil rights activists pressed Desmond to take up their cause, but she preferred instead to make it her "life's mission" to be a hairdresser and mentor to other black women who were often turned away from other salons, Robson said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CLIMATE CHANGE

Trump plans won't change over Biden visit

Canada will push the incoming Trump administration to be an ally in the fight against climate change and that's not undermined by hosting U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden, says Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion.

"We were able to agree with a lot of initiatives with the current administration, the Obama one. We will work with the Trump administration," Dion told The Canadian Press in an interview from Hamburg, Germany, on Thursday.

Dion spoke as Biden was about to touch down in Ottawa, where he is to meet Prime Minister Justin Trudeau before addressing provincial premiers and aboriginal leaders at a Friday summit.

"We have a lot of clean energy to sell … to our American friends, and we'll make it very clear that it's the way to go," Dion said.

Canada and the U.S. have been strong climate change allies in the last year, with Trudeau earning praise from Barack Obama for his role in helping negotiate the Paris accord to lower greenhouse gases last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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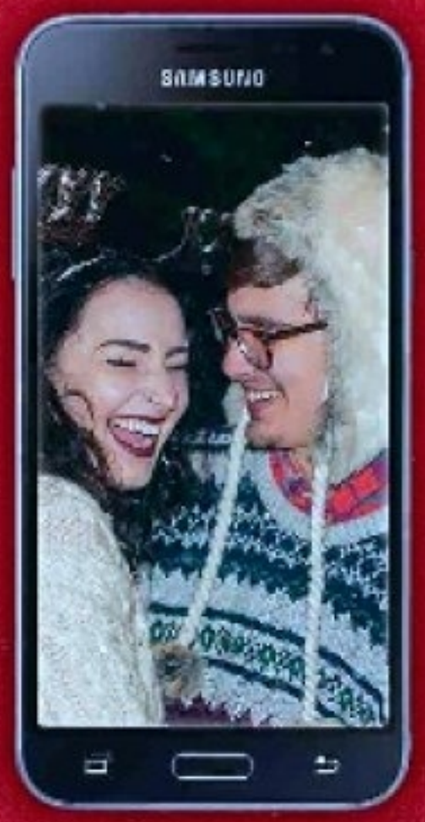

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Intel was wrong: Pizza shop gunman

WASHINGTON

Friends, family describe him as a well-meaning father of two

The man accused of firing an assault rifle inside a Washington restaurant said he regrets how he handled the situation but refused to completely dismiss the false online claims involving a child sex ring that brought him there.

"I just wanted to do some good and went about it the wrong way," Edgar Maddison Welch, who's been jailed since his Sunday arrest, told the New York Times in a Wednesday video conference.

Welch, 28, told the newspaper he started driving to Washington from his Salisbury, N.C., home intending only to give the Comet Ping Pong pizza restaurant a "closer look." But while on the way, he said he felt his "heart breaking over the thought of innocent people suffering."

Edgar Maddison Welch, 28, surrenders to police.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welch would not say why he brought an AR-15 into the pizza shop and fired it, the newspaper reported.

Asked what he thought when he found there were no children in the restaurant, Welch said: "The intel on this wasn't 100 per cent." But he would not completely dismiss the online claims while talking to the newspaper, conceding only that there were no children "inside that dwelling."

Welch appears to have lived an aimless life that became turbulent in the weeks before he was drawn to the nation's capital by a fake news story.

Friends and family say he is a well-meaning father of two girls who wanted to be a firefighter. But he also unnerved some with his religious fervour and sometimes had trouble detaching himself from the internet.

In the weeks before his arrest, there were other signs of turbulence. In late October, Welch struck a teenage pedestrian with his car in his hometown, requiring the boy to be airlifted to a hospital, according to a police report that said he wasn't immediately charged. More recently, days before he drove to Washington, he was dropped from the rolls of a volunteer fire department.

In past years, he was convicted of drunk driving and minor drug charges. But the one constant, friends and family say, was his love for his two daughters.

"He's a father and a very loving man, very concerned about children," said his aunt Tajuana Tadlock, adding: "He's not a vigilante, by no check of the words."
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Paris grappling with winter

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Parisians are currently enduring the worst winter air pollution to hit the city in at least a decade, and authorities are cracking down on cars to tame it.

Public transit has been free for everyone since Tuesday and only vehicles with odd-numbered plates are allowed to enter the city's core. On Tuesday, it was drivers with even-numbered plates who got to take their turn.

Of course, not everybody took up the offer of a free ride to work. Nor would they be told they couldn't drive their vehicle downtown. More than 1,700 drivers were fined for violating rules intended to ensure their neighbours might have a chance to breathe some clean air sometime in the near future.

Like many measures of environ-

The Sacre Coeur Basilica and the Paris skyline seen through a haze of pollution.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

pollution

mental quality, air pollution has been a hot topic in 2016.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan declared his city's first air pollution alert last week, Beijing's notorious pollution has triggered repeated warnings, and Delhi closed schools, halted construction and restricted traffic in response to a pollution emergency.

Onus is on police to earn trust

Rosemary Westwood relocates from Canada to the U.S. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column for Metro.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Something seemed to have snapped.

By the time Louisiana Sheriff Newell Normand got behind the podium this week to announce manslaughter charges in the high-profile shooting death of football player Joe McKnight (formerly NFL, recently CFL), it appeared as if years of Black Lives Matter activism, the ensuing scrutiny of police and attacks against police, and the swampy tone of internet debate had combined to tip him over the edge.

It began as a typical news conference announcing that Ronald Gasser, a white man, had been charged with manslaughter three days after police let him go — even though Gasser had admitted to shooting McKnight, a black man, to death, in a road rage incident just outside New Orleans. But it quickly devolved into a polemic against internet trolling and criticisms of the force's investigation, existential dismay at the state of his community, and a plea to respect police and the justice process in Louisiana.

It was unusually instructive, too, on a far deeper level than who was charged with what, both for what Sheriff Normand said, and what he did not say. For a 44-minute microcosm of the colliding issues around race, the Internet and policing in this America, you couldn't do much better.

At times, Normand's fist pounded the podium, and he berated national and local critics of his investigation and of the elected officials who supported his police force. "Shame on you!" he said. He quoted at length, and without censoring, the vulgar, racist and anti-gay comments directed at those officials (MSNBC had to drop its live coverage). He said black men should be more afraid of "black-on-black" crime, not road rage. He said Louisiana's "stand your ground" laws, which permit lethal self-defence, made the case tricky, and was incredulous that black-rights activists like the NAACP were not content to trust his officers to do their job in investigating McKnight's death.

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"It's not even really anymore about this case. It's about all the other cases that are yet to come," Normand said, getting it only half right. Uproar over police actions across this country is also about all the cases that came before.

"This isn't about race. Not a single witness has said, up to this day, that there was one racial slur uttered during the course of these events," Normand said, ignoring completely the kind of ingrained racism that breeds disproportionate fear and hatred and requires no explicit slurs in order to raise the risk of violence.

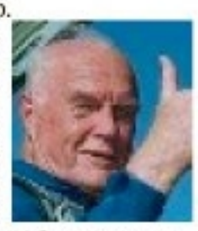
"We better reflect and look at ourselves in the mirror and decide: What are we going to be about in our community? Are we going to continue to tear ourselves apart?" he asked, apparently unable to see that policing in Louisiana isn't exactly a model of community outreach.

This state has the highest incarceration rate in the U.S. New Orleans has a chronically underfunded public defender's office. Normand's own police force has been criticized for jailing school kids — and black kids in particular — at the highest rate in the state. And black people, and black men and boys in particular, are overrepresented across the criminal system. Normand might not like it, but optics matter. He might not like it, but onus isn't on the people to trust police, it's on police to earn that trust. And the critics aren't going anywhere.

SPACE

'Godspeed, John Glenn'

John Glenn was the ultimate all-American hero.



U.S. astronaut John Glenn.
GETTY IMAGES

He was the first American to orbit the Earth, a war-hero fighter pilot, a record-setting test pilot, a long-time senator, a presidential candidate and a man who defied age and gravity to go back into space at 77. What made Glenn was more his persona: He was a combat veteran with boy-next-door looks, a strong marriage and nerves of steel. Schools were named after him. Children were named after him. His life story of striving hard, succeeding, suffering setbacks and high-flying redemption was as American as it gets.

His life lived up to the famous send-off that fellow astronaut Scott Carpenter gave to him that February 1962 day, just before he became the first American to circle Earth in space:

"Godspeed, John Glenn."

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Big banks ripe for disruption

BANKING

Tech startups offer easier, cheaper ways to borrow, invest

It may not be much longer before bank branches join video-rental stores and record shops as relics of a bygone era.

Silicon Valley is pressuring banks to change their ways or risk becoming the latest industry overtaken by technology. Hundreds of financial technology, or "fintech," startups are offering easier and cheaper ways to save, borrow, spend and invest. They are doing it by shifting the battleground to smartphone apps and websites, which function as digital offices that are accessible around the clock with minimal staffing, and by lowering fees.

Banks appear to be tackling the fintech threat by closing branches, laying off workers, pouring money into their own technology departments and even buying or teaming up with fintech startups.

TAKING THREAT SERIOUSLY

A survey of the financial services industry by the research firm Gartner Inc. found that 70 per cent of respondents considered fintech startups to be a bigger threat than their traditional rivals. With their guard up, the much bigger banks are more likely to drive many of the fintech startups out of business if they don't acquire them first, says Gartner analyst Rajesh Kandaswamy.

BIG, BOLD APPROACH

Robinhood, a stock brokerage, does not charge any commissions for its more than 1 million customers to buy and sell shares. To make money, it recently introduced a $10 monthly service that allows trading when the stock market is closed and offers higher borrowing limits.

At Affirm, an online lender, CEO Max Levchin — a co-founder of PayPal — has raised $525 million to back Affirm's focus on consumers who do not like or cannot get credit cards. Affirm has developed its own formula to identify borrowers able to repay loans in equal installments in time frames ranging from three months to one year. Affirm also refuses to charge fees for late payments.

A YOUNG MARKET

Fintech's target market so far has been the millennial generation, the 18- to 34-year-olds who typically have a deeper attachment to their smartphones than any bank.

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TRENDS

'Greenery' is the colour of year

Amid social, political and environmental tumult around the world, the Pantone Color Institute on Thursday plucked fresh and zesty "greenery" as the colour of the year for 2017.

The vibrant green with yellow undertones is an answer, of sorts, to bruising 2016, signalling a yearning to rejuvenate, and to reconnect to both nature and something larger than oneself, said Laurie Pressman, the institute's vice-president.

The team at Pantone, based in Carlstadt, New Jersey, scouts trends through the year in media, on runways and at trade shows around the world.

In addition to the emerging recycle-and-share economies, we have green rooftops, green spaces and indoor vertical farming. In home decor, there's a trend to connect with the elements outside through open spaces and vast windows, Pressman said.

On the industrial side, both Skoda and Mercedes showed bright green cars for 2017. For the kitchen, Pantone spotted its shade in appliances, including a Keurig coffeemaker.

And in fashion, menswear designers have played into the idea of gender fluidity through prints and accessories of bright greens, along with the creators of womenswear and beauty products, ranging from the couture of Oscar de la Renta in a leaf-embellished gown to bright green shades for eyes, nails and lips.

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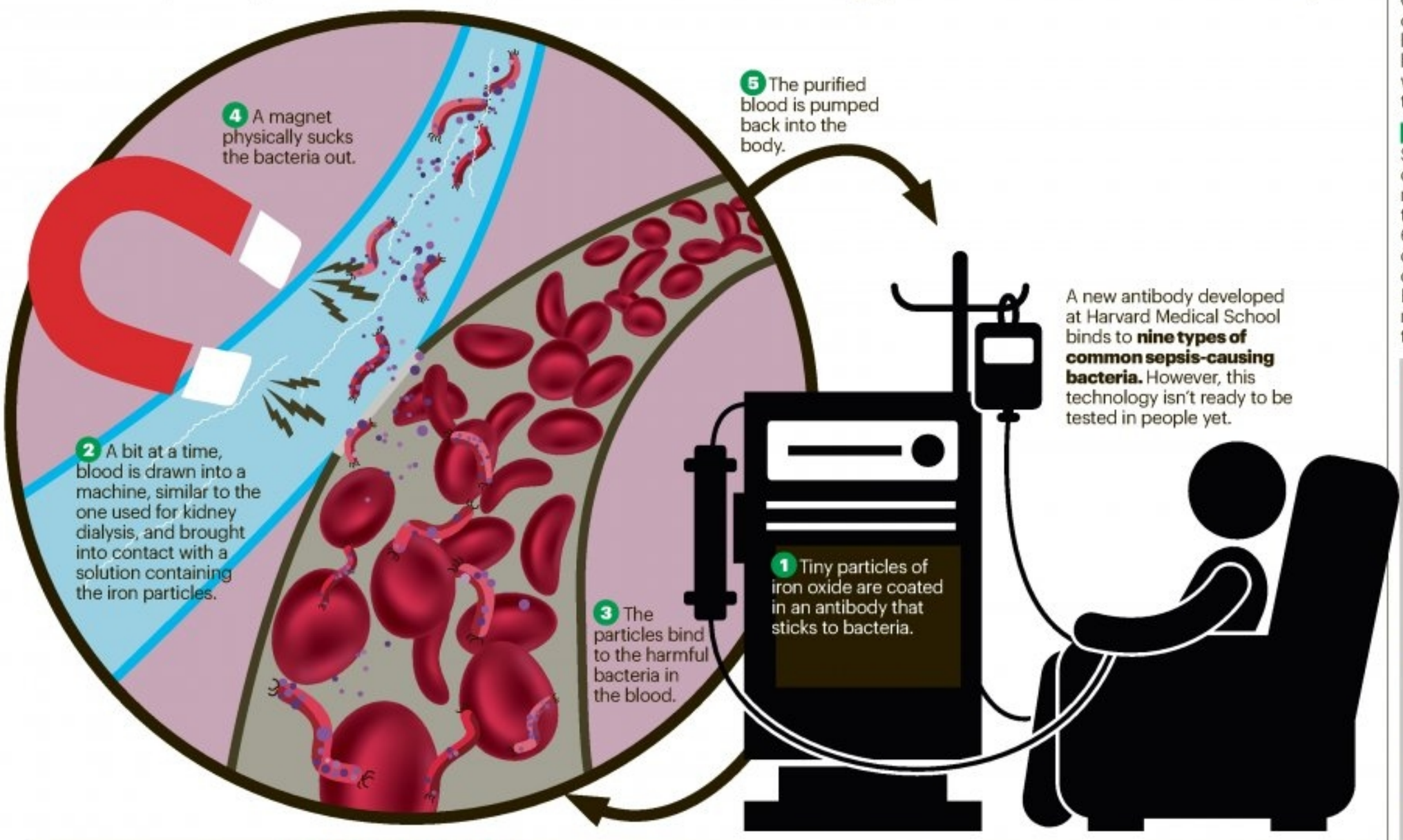
A study of a star like our sun suggests life on Earth will disappear when our sun explodes in 5 billion years, but the planet itself might survive

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

AN ATTRACTIVE FUTURE TREATMENT

Emergency rooms see it every day: Someone with a very high or very low temperature and confusion. They're gasping for breath and going downhill fast. It's **sepsis**, when the immune system launches an all-out attack on an infection, but also damages healthy organs, leading to death in a third of patients. There's often no time to determine exactly which germ is responsible. Treatment is a truckload of antibiotics, life support and lot of hope. **Thanks to nanotechnology, there could soon be a better way.**



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Why pseudoscience thrives on uncertainty

What are muscle knots? I have a nasty one in my neck. Depending on what you Google, they range from being filled with toxins to being fabrications of massage therapists' imagination. - Heather

Oh man, Heather. That was quite a Google pit you fell into. And now I'm down here with you. So let's find our way out!

First of all, though common, muscle knots are poorly understood. It's not even certain that they're one discrete thing, with a specific cause and progression.

Instead, they're defined by a set of symptoms. A knot is a tender area that may feel like a knob of hard tissue deep within a muscle. Putting pressure on it usually causes painful twitching and additional pain in a distant muscle. (Press the knot in your calf, and your foot seizes up).

One major theory says muscle knots are **myofascial trigger points**: bits of hypersensitive connective tissue that cause muscle to tense up painfully. A few imaging studies have found increased stiffness in areas where patients say they have knots.

But recent research suggests the trigger point theory doesn't hold up. The diagnostic criteria are vague and variable. Plus, none of the treatments based on it seem to work better than a placebo: not the usual stuff, like injecting Botox or anaesthetic into the sore spot, and not unproven, New-Agey therapies like acupuncture or dry needling, either.

Some knots could be due to scar tissue from a tear or strain. Nerve swelling may be to blame. But there are no clear answers.

And when there's no clear cause or reliable treatment for a painful condition that affects many people, quacks and charlatans get visions of dollar signs dancing in their heads. Just look at the cottage industry of expensive supplements and dubious diets for irritable bowel syndrome.

The cure for this phenomenon is more research. I can personally assure you muscle knots are real. I just can't tell you what they are.

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PRECOCIOUS POLLUTERS
Carbon dating of 7,000-year-old silt from the Jordan River has shown that Neolithic humans were polluting the water with copper back when they first learned to smelt.

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SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
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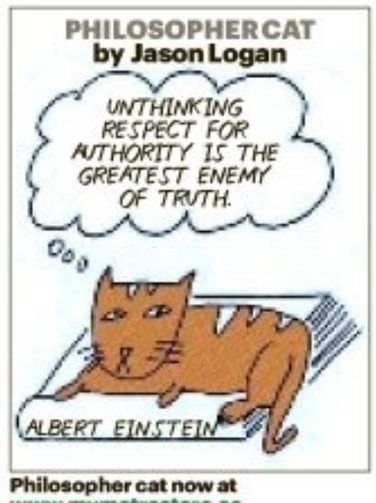

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Natalie Portman has gained the attention of critics for her portrayal of the iconic wife of President John F. Kennedy in Jackie. CONTRIBUTED

Capturing the essence of Jackie

ICON

Portman astounding in role as former First Lady

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Natalie Portman is certainly a favourite for an Oscar nomination with her latest performance — as Jackie Kennedy.

After all, the 35-year-old thespian has been winning accolades from the toughest critics for her astounding portrayal of the endearing former First Lady in the eponymous new biopic, Jackie.

"It was the first time that I'd played a character that people know so well; they know exactly what she sounded like and how she moved," recalled Portman during a recent interview about the scrutiny of interpreting the iconic wife of President John F. Kennedy. "You could literally put the images side by side and play them at the same time and see how close I am — you can judge it that closely."

It's no surprise that the role has been viewed under a microscope either. For more than 50 years, the late-icon has been one of America's most admired women. But even as ubiquitous and well-known as Jackie may be, Portman admits her education was comprised of "a pretty superficial perception" until she began researching some 20 books in preparation.

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> Natalie Portman

"The fact that she coined Camelot was a surprise to me," said Portman of the favourable nickname graced upon the Kennedy presidency. "I always thought that was the press that had come up with that, but I hadn't realized she had named it herself."

Directed by acclaimed foreign director Pablo Larrain (No, Neruda), Jackie is much more than just focused on the superficialities of Jackie's quips or legacy as a fashion icon, however.

Instead, the Chilean auteur aimed to craft a distinctive character study of a conflicted First Lady in the wake of her husband's 1963 assassination — a national tragedy and a mourning she shared with the public. It was this challenge that Portman found "definitely daunting but also nice to do something that you're totally scared of."

"Pablo is an incredible talent and I think he made something really special and unique," added Portman, who truly appreciates the skills of an adept director. "I feel like a lot of directors have their way of what they think they should be saying to actors and it really doesn't work the same for everyone. It's a very specific talent to be able to understand and intuit what an actor needs."

MOVIES

Glimpse into private life

The film explores the nuances of Jackie Kennedy's public and private sides in the immediate aftermath of the assassination of her husband as she plans the funeral, comforts her children and tends to her husband's legacy.

It's what compelled screenwriter Noah Oppenheim to make her the subject of his first script.

"I didn't feel like she had ever gotten enough credit for understanding intuitively the power of television, the power of imagery and iconography and her role in defining how we remember her husband's presidency," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Film spotlights plight of poor children

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After nearly 35 years in movies, Nicole Kidman can handpick any director to work with in Hollywood. Instead, the 49-year-old starlet's latest project was helmed by first-timer Garth Davis — an artist more famous for making Coke commercials than feature films.

"He's a really talented director," said Kidman during an interview for Lion. "Garth is just very easy; he's got a very soulful, laid-back approach to things and so I was just very happy to be a part of his vision."

Inasmuch as the Toronto International Film Festival's People' Choice runner-up was envisaged by Davis, Lion is truly the celluloid realization of the life of Saroo Brierley — a young Indian man who, at five years old, was tragically separated from his family and finds himself living on Calcutta streets.

Unable to speak the local tongue and sleeping in train stations, Saroo's epic odyssey ends up in Australia where he eventually finds salvation in an adoptive mother named Sue Brierley.

"It was definitely how Saroo remembered that experience," explained Davis of the heart-wrenching memoir.

But the film is also a profound eye-opener to the plight of thousands of kids around the globe. As much as Davis aimed to unweave an inspirational family drama, he was soon making a movie with a message.

"It's just one of those disturbing truths that there are kids sleeping at the train station even today," said Davis. "We didn't realize just how many kids go missing — it's a big issue."

Nicole Kidman, David Wenham and Sunny Pawar star in Lion. MARK ROGERS/SUPPLIED

As for Kidman, she was overjoyed finding a connection to Brierley and the chance to express her own devotion as mother to two adopted children.

"Just like her speech (in the film) when she said she had this vision of a brown-skinned child and then it all came to fruition — I just related," admitted Kidman, with a laugh. "But she also has red hair, fair skin and she's Australian — so we have a few things in common."

The Dev is in the details

DRAMA

Heartthrob actor relished the depth of his role in Lion

Dev Patel knows how special a film like Lion is.

He's been waiting nearly eight years, since his breakout in Slumdog Millionaire, for a role as substantive and soulful as Saroo Brierley, an Indian man who was lost as a five-year-old, adopted and raised by Australian parents, and who, 25 years later, used Google Earth to retrace his steps to his hometown and his birthmother, not knowing the name of either.

"I read an article about it somewhere, I'm not quite sure where, and I was completely mesmerized," Patel said.

It's why the 26-year-old pursued the part so aggressively, showing up at screenwriter Luke Davies's doorstep before the script was even finished, and, after winning the part, taking a full eight months to prepare.

Not only did the rail-thin Patel bulk up to play the sporty Saroo, grow his hair out, and learn a difficult Australian accent, but he also fully immersed himself into the emotional and spiritual reality of the man.

Brierley and Patel had to go much deeper than that, though.

This is not a simple boy-goes-home story. Brierley's traumatic separation from his home and his mother and struggle to survive on his own is contrasted by his then-comfortable upbringing in Australia with supportive and loving adoptive parents.

Dev Patel says he was grateful to be able to stretch beyond "your usual quirky best friend character role or like, tech extraordinaire." CONTRIBUTED

His past is something that he represses for years, until it becomes a ghost so undeniable that he must do everything he can to find his mother.

It's one of those stranger-than-fiction stories that begs for cinematic treatment.

"I can't say that the majority or even half the movie is sensationalized. It really isn't. It actually happened in real life," Brierley said.

On set, director Garth Davis pushed Patel deeper into Brierley's pain.

He had Patel watch the actor playing the five-year-old Brierley (newcomer Sunny Pawar) so that there were specific memories to draw on.

He threw him into big scenes right off the bat (they shot the very last scene first), and he made him do "hippie" mental exercises like staring into a mirror for a half hour before coming to set one day.

"The first two minutes were excruciating, because when you do that, you're usually brushing your teeth or popping a pimple or something and then the next 20 minutes all of a sudden I got sucked into this sort of trance-like state and I couldn't recognize the person staring back at me," Patel said.

"I looked like my father, I looked like my mother. And I went to set visibly shaken. I was like 'Garth, I feel like a fool, like I don't know who I am. I think that the task went horribly wrong.' He looked at me and said, 'that's exactly what you should feel. Your body is just a shell but your soul is ever-changing. I was like 'whoa."'

It was all in service of capturing the essence of Brierley, who Patel knows he doesn't look like.

For Patel, the stories represent completely different journeys — Brierley is a modern Australian man who remembers little of his Indian identity.

Patel is already fully on the awards trail for Lion. He's done this before, but now has a bit of experience under his belt and is no longer that wide-eyed 18-year-old.

Ultimately, Patel is just grateful that he was able to stretch beyond "your usual quirky best friend character role or like, tech extraordinaire."

"Stories like this, they're so few and far between especially for a British Indian guy like myself," he said. "I think everyone faces a stereotype ... I don't want to make it about that. It's just my thought process of throwing absolutely everything at this role. I knew how precious it was." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Plight of political women

THRILLER

Miss Sloane finds lobbyist caught up in danger

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

John Madden isn't afraid to admit it: He really admires women.

And it shows in the veteran filmmaker's oeuvre. From the Oscar-nominated Queen Victoria-biopic Mrs. Brown to the Oscar-winning hit Shakespeare in Love, he has crafted a career by considering the complexity of women.

"Almost every film I make ends up being about an empowered woman in a different way," stated Madden recently while promoting his latest thriller Miss Sloane.

"I mean, they are a superior race in my view. Precisely because the balance of emotion, intellect and drive is a balance that all men ought to aspire to and most can't or don't."

Madden's latest character, the titular Miss Sloane, comprises those commendable qualities, even if they are tested.

When the story's cutthroat lobbyist faces off against Washington's most ferocious power-brokers to take up arms against the gun lobby, she must pay the cost of being a woman of high authority in the political world.

"This piece is not trying to put forward feminist ideas, but nevertheless it's absolutely about female empowerment and all of the key characters moving forward are women," said Madden of the labyrinthine drama.

"The idea that she weaponizes herself and purges herself of everything that makes her an incredibly effective political performer, and in the process connects with something she actually believes in, was quite an interesting story."

The thriller's empowerment theme wouldn't succeed without star Jessica Chastain either, who not only delivers a "virtuoso performance," but embraced the chance to tackle issues that are essential to her art. "She seeks out roles that are very much defined by gender issues because she's very engaged in that world and I think she was fascinated by it politically," said Madden, who cast Chastain immediately after reading the script.

Having worked with her previously in the 2010 thriller The Debt, Madden realized only an actor as viscerally talented as Chastain could seize the soul of Miss Sloane.

"She has a way of actually deploying her intelligence and emotional intelligence in a way that simply emerges as behaviour."

Jessica Chastain embraced her role in Miss Sloane. CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

Hilarious distraction from the mundane

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

In Office Christmas Party T.J. Miller plays Clay, a scattered office manager with a "mind like a drunk baby." In a last ditch effort to save his branch from closure he tries to woo a lucrative client by throwing a no-holds-barred Christmas party.

"This is the way we close Walter," says Clay. "We throw the best Christmas party he's ever seen. We could save everybody's jobs."

Miller leads an ensemble cast featuring heavy-hitters like Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn, Kate McKinnon and Jennifer Aniston but he doesn't want to talk about that. Not right away, anyway.

Instead he begins the interview with, "Let's talk comedy in a time of tragedy."

OK, lets.

"Basically I have a political obstacle to my social mission statement," he says. "The social statement was, tragedy permeates our everyday lives, people are lonely, they're scared, they have death anxiety, they don't know how to attribute meaning to their own existence, so through comedy we can provide an opiate or distraction that permeates our everyday lives. Through satire we can hopefully frame the world in a way that people can laugh at.

When Miller, who also currently plays Erlich Bachman on Silicon Valley, finally gets around to talking about Office Christmas Party, he's still on message.

"It's very easy to promote a comedy during the apocalypse," he says.

The Christmas film, which features a greedy pimp, a sexually repressed head of HR and an office load of drunk, disgruntled employees, is a mix and match of sentimentality and debauchery that Miller thinks is perfect for the season.

"It's a funny movie. It's a laugh a minute. Well, it's a laugh every minute-and-a-half to two minutes. We wanted to give you a break. It's exhausting to laugh every minute."

Miller, who once worked as a legal secretary in the same Chicago office building seen in the film, says the movie is silly and fun but shares his core comedy philosophy.

"Workplace environments have become so sterile and corporations have become so much about profit and not the people they work with that we've lost the fun of work. We don't have cool office Christmas parties anymore. We are saying, 'You spend so much time with the people you work with, why not have a night or two a year where you can kind of just relax? Take a night off from worrying about offending someone or giving 'tude.'

"That is our message to North America. Take the holidays, drink way too much eggnog, laugh, relax and know that we've got a lot of work to do in 2017."

Workplace environments have become too sterile, says T.J. Miller, right, that "we've lost the fun at work.' CONTRIBUTED

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SO VERY '70S

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Sensitive, culturally relevant topics have always had a tough time crossing over to the mainstream. In the 1960s and '70s, filmmakers driven by social change found new and inventive ways to open the conversation on a wide range of difficult-to-tackle subjects and made great films in the process. Here are five tough topics tackled by some iconic films:

Midlife Crisis: A concept that surprisingly only became prominent in the mid-'60s, the cultural discussion about the concept of a midlife crisis took off after Blake Edward's hilarious 1979 comedy 10, which follows a hapless Dudley Moore going to ridiculous lengths to solve his.

The Vietnam War: Before 1978's Coming Home and especially 1979's Apocalypse Now, most films portrayed the Vietnam War in a positive light. Once these films were released, though, it was harder for the public at large to ignore how different Vietnam had been, the horrors individuals had survived in the conflict and the veterans who were slipping through the cracks.

Open Relationships: Though the summer of '69 was all about free love for hippies, Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice explored the practice of New Age thinking among more "square" couples. Despite the film's hesitance to praise these practices, it went on to open the conversation about New Age therapies and alternative relationships in popular culture.

Going "Out West": Work was hard to find in the Maritimes in the '60s and '70s, and many folks headed west only to find more unemployment, but without the comforts of home. Donald Shebib's Goin' Down The Road follows the journey of two men on just such a hopeless quest, and connected audiences across Canada to the struggles of their fellow countrymen.

Home Computers: The late '70s brought computers into homes for the first time, but many families were unsettled by what the true costs of this kind of technology might be. It's no wonder 1977's Demon Seed sees the introduction of computing and automation as something that destroys the sanctity of the traditional home in terrifying ways.

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How to impress at the office party

SMART CAREER MOVE

Use the get-together to schmooze not just booze it up

Vawn Himmelsbach

Instead of relying on alcohol to deal with nerves at the office party, approach the event as a chance to build social capital. ISTOCK

It may seem obvious: don't get out-of-control drunk at your office holiday party and make a complete fool of yourself. But each and every year, there are gossip-worthy antics — from inappropriate outfits to TMI — that make the rounds at the water cooler on Monday morning.

But it's just not office gossip that's a problem. "Social media enables this disaster to happen much more quickly and in a viral way," said Lisa Orr, etiquette and protocol consultant with Orr Etiquette. "The repercussions are so much more substantial. It used to be whispers, now it's video on YouTube. Drinking and social media don't mix."

But people drink anyway: In some cases, they might be nervous about socializing with their boss or colleagues, so they drink to steady their nerves. That can result in behaviour that one regrets later, such as telling your boss about your marital problems or pursuing that office crush.

"There are studies that say 45 per cent of people have shared TMI at office parties," said Julie Blais Comeau, chief etiquette officer with etiquettejulie.com. And the culprit, in many cases, is alcohol.

Orr suggests going in with a strategy, and to approach your office holiday party as an opportunity to build social capital, "so when you have an opportunity to connect at work, you have a stronger connection." The best way to deal with nerves is to prepare — rather than rely on alcohol — by knowing who you want to connect with and what you want to talk about.

"If you know you're nervous, find an alternate beverage, like cranberry and soda," she said. "It's nice to have a drink in your hand, but it doesn't have to have alcohol in it."

Getting drunk is a common etiquette misstep, but so is inappropriate clothing. "My rule of thumb: wear what you would wear to impress a client," said Orr. This isn't the time to wear that revealing, skin-tight dress, or to be a 'rebel' and show up uber-casual in ripped jeans.

While people in the fashion industry have a different set of rules when it comes to attire than banking professionals, Orr recommends treating the party as an extension of your workplace — and dress accordingly.

"You're at a party, it's an opportunity to show how much you respect your host, so err on the side of slightly dressy," she added.

Thinking of wearing those gag reindeer antlers or jingle-bell earrings? Think again. "Do you want your boss to remember those antlers come performance appraisal time?" said Blais Comeau.

Another etiquette misstep involves the RSVP. People say they're going to show up, then don't. Or people don't RSVP, and then show up, sometimes with a plus-one.

Every event has a budget, and that affects what the host can provide for guests. So when you RSVP to an event (or decline the invitation) it's a sign of respect.

In instances where you can bring a plus-one, you're also responsible for them and their behaviour. "Regardless of whether or not it should reflect on you, it does," said Orr. "If a partner wouldn't enjoy it or wouldn't handle it well — when they get nervous they drink too much — proactively manage that." That means prepping them ahead of time, or perhaps even deciding to leave them at home.

When it comes to office holiday parties, the key word is 'office,' said Blais Comeau. "It is a work function," she reminded. And that means, even if you dread such events, you should still go.

"If you choose not to go, people are going to wonder why you didn't go," she said. "You should attend, especially if it's [during] office hours." And make sure you don't hang exclusively with your office clique; this is a golden opportunity for intra-company networking.

SECRET SANTA

Gift-giving etiquette tips

It's Secret Santa time, where you draw a random name out of a hat and surprise that person with a gift. In the workplace, though, there are a few rules around what's appropriate for gift-giving — especially when you're buying something for a person you barely know.

First off, stick to the budget (typically around $10 or $20). Don't overspend and buy something over-the-top; that makes other participants feel badly, and often makes the receiver feel guilty for not spending as much.

Etiquette expert Julie Blais Comeau suggests avoiding gag, personal or fragrant items, and staying clear of alcohol, since these could potentially offend or embarrass the receiver. More appropriate for the workplace are desktop accessories, bookstore or coffee gift cards (from their preferred coffee shop, not yours).

If you happen to pick the name of someone you barely know, don't buy a random gift; do a bit of research (ask someone who works directly with them, for example) to at least find out if they drink coffee before making that purchase.

Fragrant love notes for her

Picking out perfume is personal. Here are some top picks to help you wrap up the perfect scent for the special woman in your life this holiday season.

Janine Falcon

The Free Spirit
Part of four new unisex eaux de parfum, Maison Margiela Replica Flying soars with bright citrus and crisp ozonic notes touched with earthy tendrils of musk and moss. *$200 at Sephora and Hudson's Bay.*

The Bon Vivant
Housed in a deceptively simple, airy bottle, Alaia Eau de Parfum Blanche is vivacious and powder sweet, and teases with a whisper of musk. *From $122 at Hudson's Bay and Saks Fifth Avenue.*

The Chic Bohemian
Luminous, sweet and flirtatious — think alluring flower-fairies on a shimmering cloud of light — Scent of a Dream is utterly Charlotte Tilbury. Inspiration sprang from the Ibiza-born celebrity makeup maven's own long-time signature fragrance, a blend of perfume oils she created for herself when she was teen. *From $105 at Holt Renfrew and Nordstrom.*

The Minimalist
Lovely on their own and uniquely her when she layers them, the Clean Rollerball Layering Collection's five pocket-size fragrances evoke Air, Rain, Warm Cotton, Blossom and Skin. *$29. Sephora and Murale.*

The Ingenue
A sensitive touch lighter, fresher and softer than its big-sister scent, Chanel No. 5 Eau honours its iconic roots as it beckons to a new, younger audience. *From $119 at Chanel counters.*

The Dreamer
A spirited fruity floral, Luna by Nina Ricci entices with wild berries, citrus, caramel and Madagascar vanilla, and enchants with its fairy-tale flaçon. *From $72 at Shoppers Drug Mart and Murale.*

... and fragrant love notes for him

Picking out cologne for the best men in your life is personal, too. Here are some top picks to help you wrap up distinctive scents for him.

The Intellectual
A cool, sophisticated scent of amber, iris, and geranium with a patchouli and cedar base, Prada L'Homme is clean, understated and a touch reserved – in a good way. *From $84 at Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Hudson's Bay.*

The Sweet Tooth
A gourmand scent for him, Uomo Salvatore Ferragamo opens with spice and slides into creamy tiramisu folded into sweet woody notes and tonka bean. *From $82 at Hudson's Bay.*

The Suit
The newest after-five version of Boss Bottled, the Intense Eau de Parfum kicks up the woody and spicy notes with a more potent, longer-lasting dose of essential oils. *$102 at Hudson's Bay, at Holt Renfrew, and Nordstrom.*

The Health Nut
Crisp and lively with citrus, mint and vetiver, and tempered with a hit of pink peppercorn and cardamom, classic Roger & Gallet L'Homme Sport is just one of many great scents for less at Canadian shopping site Scarlet & Julia. *$43 at scarletandjulia.com.*

The Throwback
Light, green and citrus to start, Mr. Taylor Cologne is an aromatic fougere scent that closes with spicy cedar and moss. *About $54 at taylorofoldbondstreet.com.*

The Jet-setter
A seductive oriental fougere of patchouli, oakmoss and vetiver wrapped in boldly sensual, leathery musk, Arquiste Él is an ode to thoroughly sun-warmed skin + after-dark cocktails and dancing. *$225 at etiket.ca.*

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The best books to look into

READING ROUNDUP

Page-turning gifts to suit everyone on Santa's list

Tanya Enberg

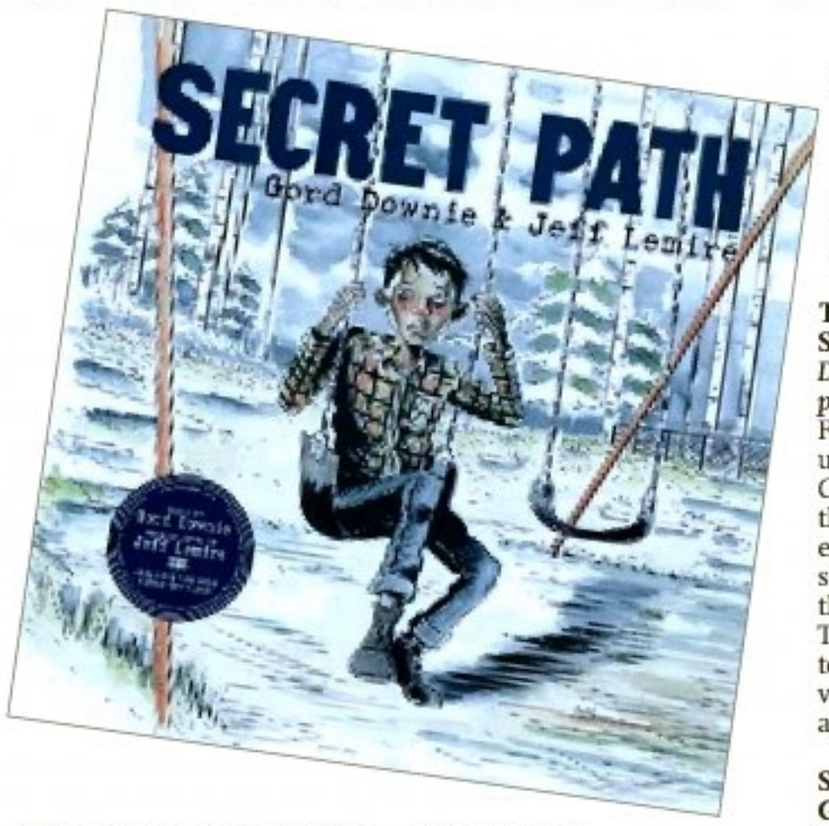
With traditional books experiencing a resurgence, this holiday season give loved ones the gift of a good read they can curl up with. This round up of 2016 titles is sure to please little bookworms, lifelong word lovers, and every type of reader in between.

For children

The Darkest Dark, Chris Hadfield
Tundra, $22.99, Ages 4-8
Inspired by astronaut Chris Hadfield as a child, The Darkest Dark tells the story of young Chris, who is brave pretending to be an astronaut, however when bedtime arrives, so does his biggest fear — darkness. After watching the Apollo 11 moon landing on TV, Chris discovers beauty in the unknown — even when it's at its darkest.

The Barefoot Book of Children, Tessa Strickland and Kate DePalma, illustrated by David Dean
Barefoot Books (available at barefootbooks.com) $24.99, Ages 3-8
The Barefoot Book of Children takes readers on an imaginative and insightful trip around the world, with compassionate lessons about feelings, families, bodies and food. This kid-empowering book inspires curiosity and helps children gain a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.

They All Saw a Cat, Brendan Wenzel
Chronicle Books, $23.99 Ages 3-5
With whimsical drawings and lyrical prose, They All Saw a Cat is simple and smart. The New York Times bestseller follows a cat whose features transform as it is seen through the eyes of various creatures. From the perspective of a terrified mouse to a bat's night vision, this is an amusing celebration of observation.

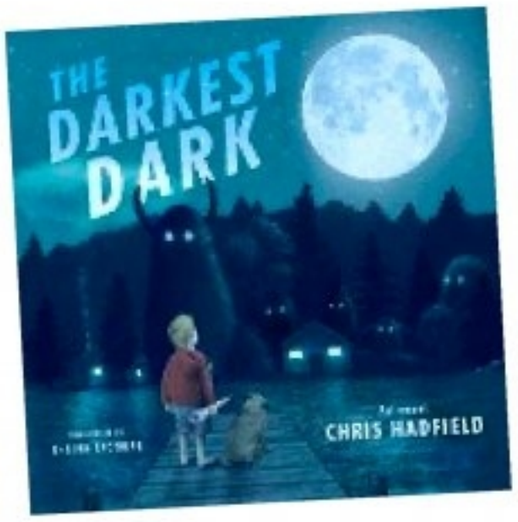


Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, J.K. Rowling, illustrated by Jim Kay
Bloomsbury USA, $49.99, Ages 9+
Take a spellbinding journey into the world of wizards with the fully illustrated new edition of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Bubbling over with magic, humour and beloved characters, this delightful reimagining is a home-library must for Harry Potter fans.

For adults

Faithful, Alice Hoffman
Simon & Schuster, $32
A car accident leaves a teenage girl in a coma and her best friend dealing with crippling guilt in Alice Hoffman's Faithful. High schooler Shelby Richmond downward spirals as she struggles with survivor's guilt and tries to move on.

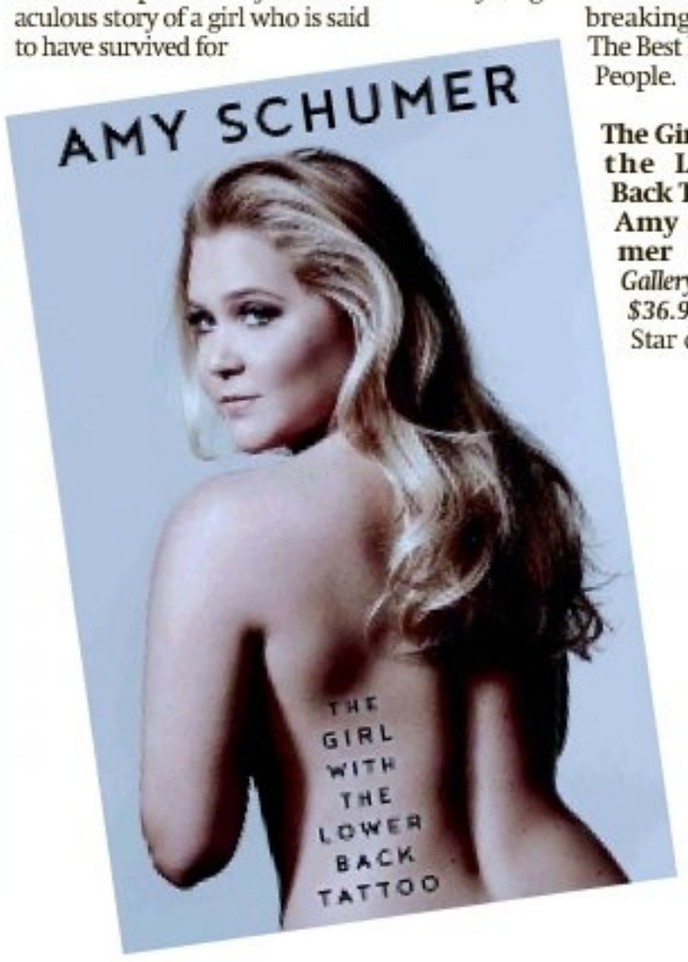
The Wonder, Emma Donoghue
HarperCollins Canada, $32.99
Set in a small 1850s Irish village, locals and out-of-towners become captivated by the miraculous story of a girl who is said to have survived for months without food. The child also draws skeptics and is placed under the watch of a nurse determined to reveal whether she is a medical miracle or fraud.



The Couple Next Door, Shari Lapena
Doubleday Canada, $24.95, paperback
From the first page, suspense unfolds when Anne and Marco Conti return home to find their front door open and an empty crib where their baby should be in the unsettling thriller, The Couple Next Door. The parents fall under suspicion, tension rises and secrets are revealed with each shocking twist and turn.

Secret Path, Gord Downie
Simon & Schuster, $26.99
Singer Gord Downie brings to light the mistreatment of children at residential schools with Secret Path, a 10-song album featuring a graphic novel by Jeff Lemire. It tells the story of Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack, a 12-year-old boy who died of hunger and exposure after running away from a Kenora, Ont. school in 1966 to try and get home.

The Best Kind of People, Zoe Whittall
House of Anansi Press, $22.95, paperback
When a bombshell accusation of sexual impropriety is brought against George Woodbury, a beloved teacher, husband and father, his family is left to cope with denial and anger — and the possibility of guilt — in the heartbreaking book, The Best Kind of People.



The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo, Amy Schumer
Gallery Books, $36.99
Star comedian Amy Schumer shares stories of love, family and friendship, all brushed with her signature dry humor in this confessional collection of essays. Schumer's sassiness is evident throughout, but she also delves into deeper terrain, too, opening up about her father's multiple sclerosis and ending gun violence.

Cookbooks

Small Victories: Recipes, Advice + Hundreds of Ideas for Home-Cooking Triumphs, Julia Turshen
Chronicle Books, $50
Small Victories is brimming with culinary inspiration for seasoned and beginner home cooks. Featuring more than 400 recipes, from turkey and Ricotta meatballs to peach and bourbon milkshakes, the pages are filled with flavours for all occasions.

Green Kitchen Smoothies: Healthy and Colorful Smoothies for Every Day, David Frenkiel and Luise Vindahl
Hardie Grant, $27.99
Whether seeking an energy boost or wanting to sneak more veggies into your child's diet, Green Kitchen Smoothies shines with fresh ideas, from orange sesame smoothies to the deceptively healthy cacao-rich banana Snickers shake. Get ready to salivate — and bust out the blender.

Oh She Glows Every Day: Quick and Satisfying Plant-Based Recipes, Angela Liddon
Penguin Canada, $32
Oakville based Angela Liddon is back with a collection of recipes so fresh, you'll feel healthier just flipping through the pages. Teeming with yummy, family-approved ideas (think eggplant Parmesan and stuffed avocado salad), Liddon's creations are quick, easy and immensely tempting.

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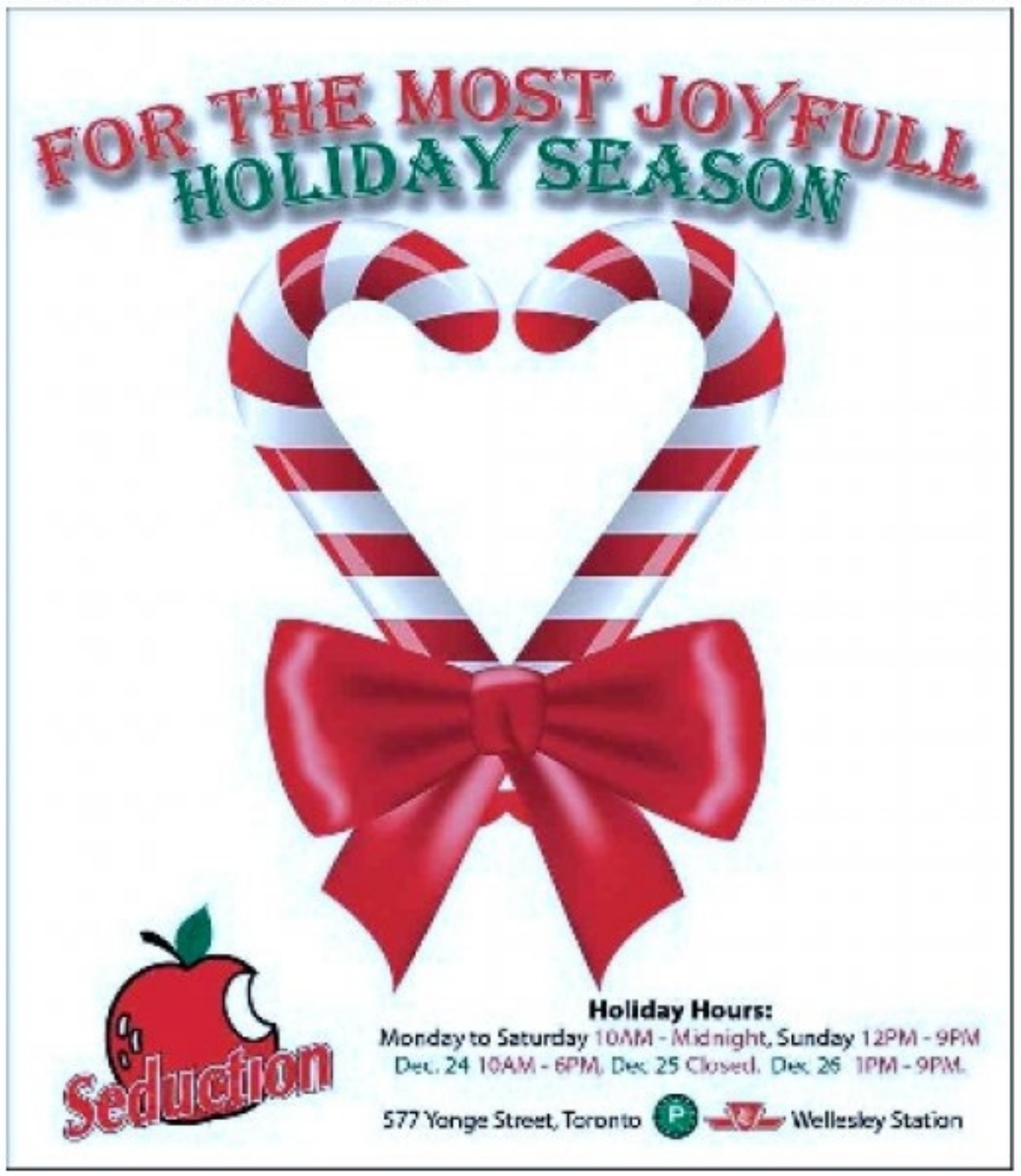

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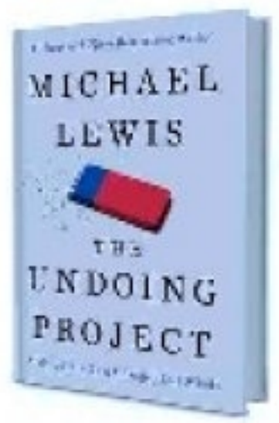

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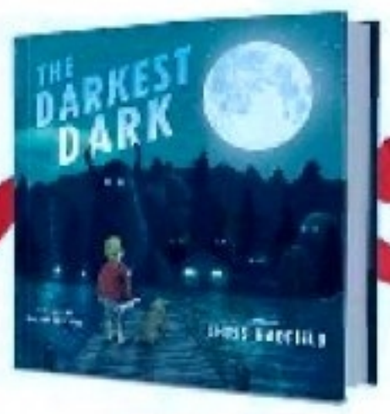

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Tech it out: Hot gadget gift ideas

RECOMMENDATIONS

Not sure what to buy your loved ones over the holidays?

Marc Saltzman

Some advice for those about to start their holiday shopping: Don't buy clothes for someone else — they may smile and thank you for the lime green cardigan but they'll hunt for the gift receipt when they get home. Lottery tickets and gift cards are cop-outs. Jewelry is too personal to pick out. And don't even think about fancy bath soaps (they still haven't used what you bought them last year).

Instead, if you want to see a genuine smile stretch upon the faces of loved ones, buy them some cool technology. And no, you don't need to break the bank to pick great gadget gifts. So, whether you're in need of high-tech ideas or want to indulge in something for yourself, here are a few sweet suggestions.

Nintendo NES Classic Edition: Sold out across the country, but with Santa's elves working on more before Christmas Eve, the Nintendo NES Classic Edition ($79.99) lets you relive some of your beloved childhood video games on your big-screen TV.

This mini version of the iconic Nintendo Entertainment System houses 30 pre-installed eight-bit classics of yesteryear, such as Super Mario Bros, Donkey Kong, The Legend of Zelda, PAC-MAN, Metroid, Mega Man, and Final Fantasy.

The teeny console also ships with a full-size NES Classic Controller, plus you can add a second for two-player fun (sold separately for $12.99), and it also includes an HDMI cable to plug into a television.

TomTom Spark 3: Building on its popular predecessor, TomTom Spark 3 Cardio + Music Bundle GPS Fitness Watch ($349.99) leverages TomTom's heritage in GPS location and mapping to be a trusted companion while jogging, running, cycling, swimming, and more (and it works indoors, too). Along with its integrated heart-rate monitor and multiple sports mode, a new feature called Route Exploration lets runners plan and upload up to 15 routes to their watch, and then follow along on the screen.

Elektronista Digital Clutch: Women on the go can carry their tech with style. Available in multiple colours, Knomo's Elektronista Digital Clutch ($199 to $299) fits up to a 10-inch tablet, as well as other items such as your wallet, keys, smartphone, earbuds, and hand cream, in multiple sections and zipped pockets for easy access to your stuff. Built into this clutch is a 5,000-milliamp power pack, with microUSB charging cable, so you can juice up your smartphone when needed (roughly twice, depending on the model).

TP-Link Touch P5 Router: This wireless router works as well as it looks. The TP-Link Touch P5 ($199.99) is a touchscreen-enabled Wi-Fi Gigabit Router with AC1900 speeds for fast and reliable performance, for all your home's wireless devices: computers, tablets, smartphones, printers, video game consoles, smart TVs, and more. Along with the one-minute set-up, the touchscreen also lets you enable parental controls, if desired; set up dual bands to minimize interference (2.4GHz and 5GHz); and it also works with an optional smartphone app to tweak settings and permissions.

Samsung Gear 360: Rethink how holiday moments are captured and shared with the Samsung Gear 360 ($499.99), a compact camera that can shoot 360-degree video (or photos), which can then be played back on virtual reality headsets, or as an interactive 360-degree video on YouTube or Facebook. It's never been easier (or cheaper) to create content — perfect for family vacations, holiday get-togethers and other once-in-a-lifetime events — you may want to relive time and time again after the fact.

Kobo Aura One: What to buy an avid book lover who might want to read everywhere life takes them? The Kobo Aura One ($249) is a premium ebook reader with a large 7.8-inch display, about the size of a hardcover book, and with a high-resolution e-ink screen that looks like real ink on paper. Whether you want to lounge around the pool, at a beach, on a deck at the cottage, or while slipping into a bubble bath, the latest Kobo is IPX8-certified, which means it can remain underwater as deep as two metres, or 6.5 feet, for up to 60 minutes. The anti-glare e-ink screen can be read clearly in bright sunlight, or take advantage of the integrated light to read while curled up in bed. The Kobo eBookstore features more than five million titles, plus you can borrow ebooks for free from your local library. Battery life lasts a month between charges. *Product prices may vary.*

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CHARITY GIFT GIVING

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The holiday season is not just about receiving gifts — it's also about giving. It's no secret that Canadians are generous. In 2015, Canadians ranked sixth on the CAW World Giving Index ranking with 65 per cent of Canadians donating money and 38 per cent volunteering time.

This year, learn how to give back in creative ways or look for opportunities to stretch your charitable dollars even further. Here are some tips to help you get in the spirit of giving:

Start a change jar. Challenge your family to put all of their spare change into a jar. At the end of the month, decide where to donate the money together.

Donate your talents. If you're a graphic design wiz, help your favourite local non-profit create new materials for an upcoming campaign.

3. Stretch your donation dollars. Add value to monetary donations by giving to a cause through companies that top up or match donations. For example, until Dec. 31, PayPal will add an additional one per cent to all donations made through CanadaHelps.org. CanadaHelps is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing charitable giving across the country by making it easier to donate and fundraise online.

4. Give gifts that give back. Buy gifts from retailers who give back to a charity or cause. For example, tentree, a Canadian clothing company, plants 10 trees for every purchase made. Peace Collective supports the Breakfast for Learning program through select purchases.

5. Involve your friends. Host a give-back challenge among colleagues to see who can raise the most money or donate the most time to their favourite organizations throughout the month of December.

-NEWS CANADA

Supporting Seva Canada and giving children the gift of sight

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Parents of twins know everything in life comes twofold: twice the diapers, twice the mischief, and two bright futures ahead.

Missing out on an education themselves, the parents of four-year-old twin boys, Sharuk and Suhail Sherif, proudly sent their sons to school in the city of Pondicherry, India.

But when a sponsored eye screening at the school revealed each boy had cataracts in both eyes, the entire family was left heartbroken.

"Already struggling to afford the basic needs of food and shelter for their family, the parents could not cover the costs of surgery for two children," explains Penny Lyons, executive director of Seva Canada (seva.ca).

Finding and treating children with eye problems under the age of 5 is crucial to ensuring healthy vision for life.

Lyons says that's why Seva donors help conduct free screenings for thousands of children in developing countries each year.

"Without proper care, kids like Sharuk and Suhail would struggle to finish school, be dependent on a caregiver, and face difficult, life-long challenges."

Cataract surgery and follow-up care for a child is just $150. In fact, children who have their vision restored are given an average of 50 years of sight, according to Lyons.

Fortunately for Sharuk and Suhail, both boys received life-changing cataract surgery, glasses and follow-up care, all thanks to Seva Canada donors.

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San Fran is a food paradise

GASTRONOMY

Kitchens kick quality up several tasty notches

Renée S. Suen
For Torstar News Service

"Cantonese cuisine is about searching for this perfection in the ingredient, treating it simply so that people can taste the quality of the product. That's what I want in my food: a Californian vibe but that Cantonese simplicity," says chef Brandon Jew on his restaurant Mr. Jiu's in North America's first and largest Chinatown. KASSIE BORRESON

"Restaurants should be about how you can provide greater pleasure to people," says Joshua Skenes when asked about the uninhibitedly luxurious 18-course Discovery menu at his three Michelin-starred restaurant, Saison.

A master of live-fire and smoke, Skenes' cooking is refined, yet restrained. Pristine ingredients are showcased with minimum intervention, like the opening volley of complimentary Krug, buttery-rich, wood-fire baked biscuit (using flour milled on premise) with a mountain of reserve caviar cured in house-smoked salt. The experience is exquisite, rising well above its special occasion contemporaries.

Saison is one of America's best (and most expensive) restaurants, although Skenes doubts it would have flourished outside of San Francisco.

Known for its landmarks and concentration of tech companies, San Francisco boasts enviable edible options beyond sourdough bread or Ghirardelli chocolates. From Hog Island's sustainable oysters, RoliRoti's naturally raised crackling-studded porchetta sandwich, the super burrito at La Taqueria, to Boulettes Larder's cannelles that bests those from Bourdeax, it's hard not to eat well here.

Home to Michelin-christened and James Beard award–winning chefs and restaurants, the Bay Area is credited with fuelling food trends, such as Chez Panisse's local-sustainable-organic movement and the maker-culture fetishized $4 artisanal toast.

Using local ingredients may be ubiquitous in the region, but some kitchens are exacting new standards in quality.

Aaron London of AL's Place credits an exclusive farmer-restaurant relationship with Blue Dane Garden's Rose Becker for the flavours in his vegetable-dominant menu.

Thanks to the abundance of farmers markets, Bar Agricole's Melissa Reitz suspects San Franciscans are comfortable accepting the natural ebbs and flows associated with farm-fresh produce because they already eat that way at home.

In a market saturated with restaurants and skyrocketing rents, London cautions that the cooking has excelled out of necessity to survive: "You take great product, add in New York City pace and competition, and suddenly we have something that's hard to compete with."

Lazy Bear owner David Barzelay, Food & Wine's Best New Chef 2016, concurs. "You need to have something unique and compelling. Getting the best ingredients is a prerequisite, but you have to use it in a way that speaks to who you are as a chef and what the restaurant is."

Frustrated with the perception that Chinese food is cheap and greasy, Brandon Jew, a third generation Chinese-American, opened Mister Jiu's. He aims to define modern San Francisco Chinese food by amalgamating the traditions and customs of his elders with the flavours from his American upbringing and training.

The recreated Chinese pantry incorporates ingredients such as Calabrian salami from an area charcutier instead of Jinhua ham in the XO sauce. Scallion pancakes are made with sourdough, and roasted beet purée replaces red food colouring in the char siu sauce.

"I want to have people celebrate Chinese food again," he says. "It has the same soul but it's symbolic of the terroir here."

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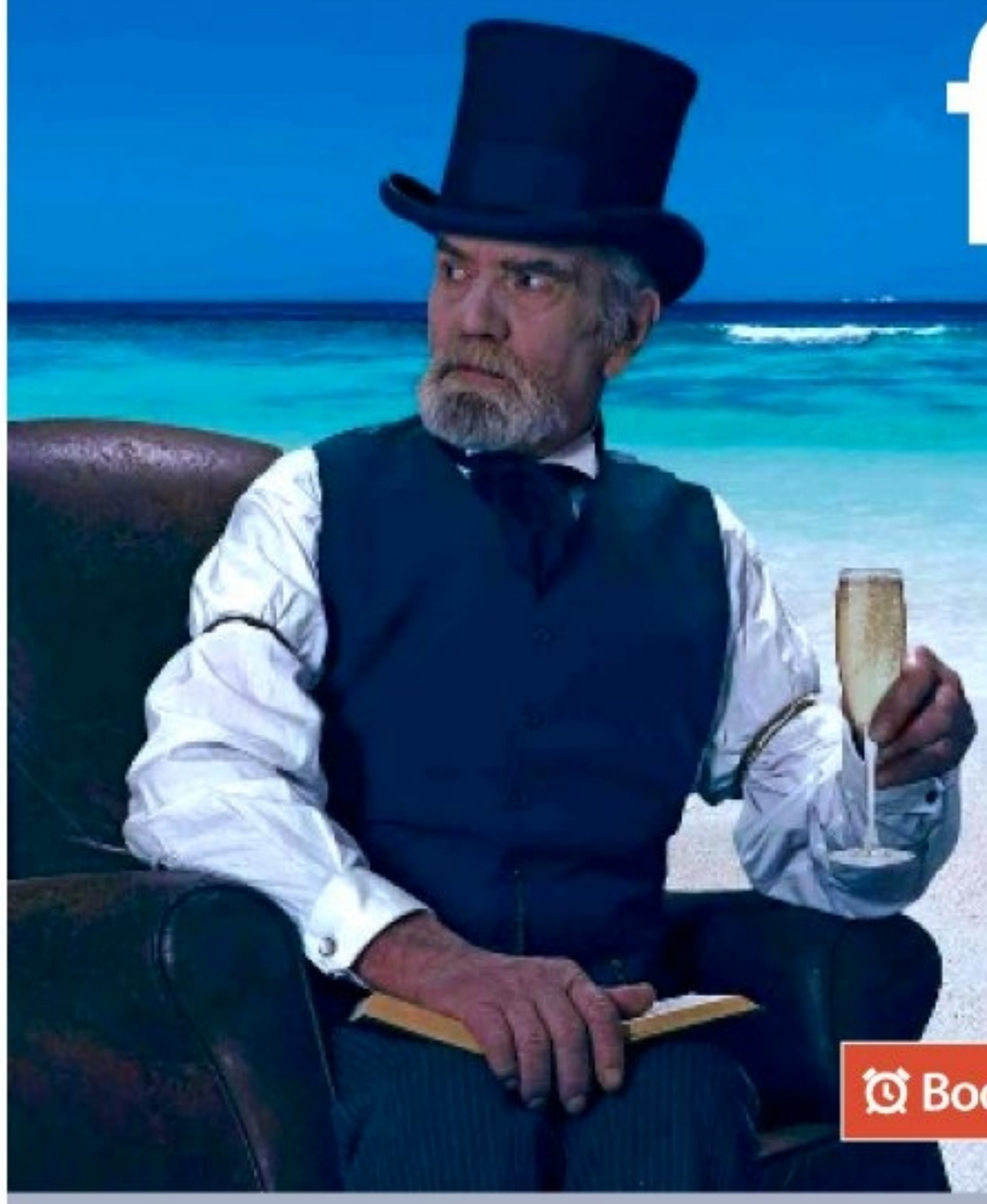

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Toronto FC striker Jozy Altidore has scored 15 goals in the Reds' last 19 games stretching back to a July 31 match against the Columbus Crew

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Recapping Toronto FC's historic run, in case you missed it

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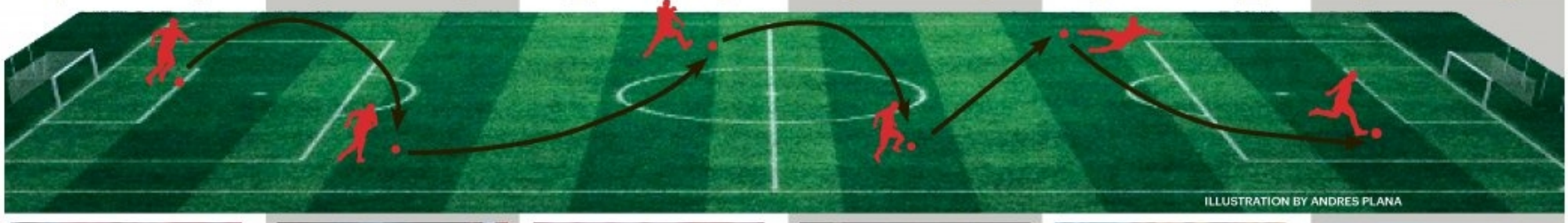

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Toronto FC qualified for the playoffs on Sept. 24 with a 1-1 draw against the Philadelphia Union and a combination of other results elsewhere in Major League Soccer. The Reds went on to finish third in the Eastern Conference with a 14-9-11 record, setting up a matchup with the Union in a first-round, one-game clash in the first-ever playoff game played at BMO Field.

Questions surrounded TFC heading into the post-season. The club's offensive engine, Sebastian Giovinco, made it back for just the final two regular-season matches after missing five straight with quad and adductor injuries. In the end, the Union — which was winless in its final seven regular-season games — was merely a launching pad for TFC. Giovinco got on the board in the 15th minute and the Reds never looked back on their way to a 3-1 win.

Waiting in the wings, NYCFC travelled to Toronto for the first leg of the Eastern Conference semifinal with three wins in its last four contests. Both offences were held in check, including New York's high-powered attack led by Frank Lampard, Andrea Pirlo and league MVP David Villa, in this nervy affair.
Jozy Altidore broke the deadlock in the 84th and Canadian international Tosaint Ricketts sealed it with a scrappy strike in the 92nd.

Nobody saw this coming. Knowing an away goal would be almost insurmountable, TFC went on the attack and Giovinco scored just six minutes in.
The tie was essentially over when the Atomic Ant scored a penalty in the 20th and it really was done at the half-hour mark as Altidore tallied for his third game in a row. Giovinco completed his hat trick in injury time and the 7-0 aggregate win thoroughly humbled the Reds' rivals. TFC suddenly looked like title favourites.

The good vibes from New York City vanished over a two weeks-plus international layoff as Montreal appeared to have Toronto for all intents and purposes buried by building a 3-0 lead at the 53rd-minute mark.
But Toronto's American internationals Altidore and Michael Bradley hit key away goals in the 68th and 73rd respectively to give the Reds hope and the chance to do something special heading home to BMO Field.

For this one to go to extra time, something wild needed to happen to leave TFC up 3-2 after 90 minutes.
The roller-coaster match indeed ended 3-2 Reds after regulation and TFC's prospects looked dire after Giovinco's injury exit early in extra time. But his replacement, Benoit Cheyrou, came on to score a diving header to put the Reds up 4-2 and Ricketts' tap-in sealed it for Toronto which became the first Canadian team to qualify for the MLS Cup final.

LAURIE WILSON/METRO

Toronto FC forwards Jozy Altidore, left, and Sebastian Giovinco keep warm up during practice on Thursday at Downsview Park. Temperatures for Saturday, when the Reds face the Sounders in the MLS Cup final, are expected to dip below 0 C.
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Finish line in sight

CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

Reds, Sounders set to square off at BMO Field

Laurie Wilson
Metro | Toronto

With the finish line in sight, Toronto FC is exuding calm and confidence.

Sticking to routine and repetition is key to achieving sporting excellence, they say.

Never get too high, never get too low.

But with so much time between matches and with so much on the line this Saturday, both superstars and bit players could be forgiven for letting their thoughts wander to what-ifs and best-case scenarios as the MLS Cup final looms.

"I think what it means to represent Toronto, to represent this city has been driven home time and time and time again," Toronto's steely-eyed captain Michael Bradley said on Thursday. "And if we can make Saturday the most special night yet then I think everybody is going to be amazed by what we see."

Hoping to prevent the party are the Seattle Sounders. The green shirts are a still-developing squad capable of winning in a variety of ways.

Emerging rookie Jordan Morris is at the forefront of the Seattle attack on the edge of its own promised land. But if the moment is weighing on the 22-year-old, he hid it well on Thursday at TFC's Downsview Park training complex.

The Seattle native scored 14 goals in 39 matches including two in the Sounders' 3-1 aggregate victory over Colorado in the Western Conference final.

"For me it's kind of a case of not getting too into the moment. Not building up too much in your head," Morris said of his knack for raising his level in big games.

"Obviously it's not like any other game, but kind of trying in your head to consider it like any other game so you go into it not too nervous."

Seattle arrives with 13 wins and just three losses in its last 20 games.

The Sounders, whose roots in the Pacific Northwest stretch back to the 1970s, have their first chance at the league cup in their eighth MLS season.

"It means a lot," Seattle head coach Brian Schmetzer said. "As far as MLS standards are concerned, our fans have been waiting for eight long years as well for this moment."

Perhaps unfairly, TFC carries not just the burden of its own history but that of an entire city.

The last Toronto club to win the title of a cross-border league was the 1993 Blue Jays.

With a championship on the line, TFC has the chance to give Major League Soccer its first major-league sports moment in Toronto. The Reds are also on the verge of becoming the first champion under the 18-year-old Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment umbrella.

"We were told that after the last match and to be honest I was proud of our group," TFC coach Greg Vanney said. "I think we have a lot of people including our families and ourselves and our fans and everyone else including our company that we wanna get this over the finish line and win this game for."

DID YOU KNOW?

This is the first time TFC has played for a championship, but not the first time BMO Field has hosted the MLS Cup. The Colorado Rapids won the trophy with a 2-1 win over FC Dallas back in November 2010 when the title match was still played on neutral ground.

IN BRIEF

FIFA head calls for caution to prevent abuse in soccer

Soccer must be more vigilant in protecting young players as allegations of sexual abuse mount across the British game, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said on Thursday.

Police in London have become the latest force to open an investigation into allegations of abuse at clubs, which were not named. More than 20 forces are looking into potential crimes by coaches from the 1970s after around 500 people approached police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL owners still reluctant on approving Olympics

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says owners aren't keen on returning to a sixth consecutive Olympics.

Following the first day of the NHL's board of governors meetings on Thursday afternoon, Bettman said there was "strong negative sentiment" among the league's owners on NHL players attending the PyeongChang Games in 2018.

No vote was taken among the governors with respect to the Olympics.
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Penny Oleksiak lowered her Canadian record in placing third on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SWIMMING

Oleksiak races to a bronze medal

Olympic star Penny Oleksiak won bronze in the 100-metre freestyle at the world short course swimming championships Thursday in Windsor, Ont.

The 16-year-old from Toronto finished in third in 52.01 seconds, lowering her own Canadian record for the third time at the meet. Oleksiak, who won gold in the event at last summer's Olympics, broke her Canadian record in Wednesday's heats and semifinals.

The medal was Canada's fourth of the meet.

Brittany Elmslie of Australia raced to gold in 51.81, while Ranomi Kromowidjojo of the Netherlands claimed silver (51.92).

Short-course swimming — in a 25-metre pool rather than the 50 metres used for other major international meets — puts more emphasis on turns and the underwater push-off.

"The last (25-metre) leg was pretty tough just because everything was numb," Oleksiak said. "I just put everything I could into it, and I should have taken out one breath, maybe two. But I guess I'll learn for next time."
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Have fighting spirit, will travel

UFC 206 Up close and personal

Toronto mixed martial artist has honed craft across the globe

Joe Callaghan
Metro | Toronto

Jason Saggo always comes home ... eventually.

The Toronto native has returned to familiar turf this week for his first ever outing in the city where he was born. The UFC lightweight contender has been a professional mixed martial artist for more than seven years now, so this homecoming has taken its time getting here.

Then again, Saggo's friends and family have long since learned not to wait out for him.

The 31-year-old is a full-time fighter. He's also a deep thinker. Most of all, though, he's a natural-born wanderer. The combat sports bug may have bitten hard in his university days but the travel bug dug its teeth in deeper still.

So Saggo has combined the two on his long, winding journey to here, a slot on the UFC's first pay-per-view event in Canada in over a year and with it an opportunity to take his career to the next level.

It's been some trek, though. Saggo has traversed 5,000 kilometres of Thailand by motorbike, backpacked Brazil before floating down the Amazon, trod across India and then got back on the bike to conquer Vietnam. There's been plenty more destinations in between. But all stop-off points had one thing in common — diving deeper into his sport.

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Saggo's professional MMA record. The five-foot-11 lightweight has won seven of his last eight fights.

"People ask me are you a fighter or are you a martial artist, those have two very different meanings," Saggo told Metro. "The connotations are way apart, people say you're a fighter and assume things. Whereas you say you're a martial artist, which is where I feel I'm coming at it, I'm not in there because I enjoy hurting people. I enjoy the challenge of going in there and understanding the depth of the technique.

"It's just with me, I love travelling. It's always been a part who I am. The more I can get to see other places and other cultures, that's what I want to be doing."

His dual passions help feed the body and the mind.

"They do, and you're feeding the soul too, right?" says the psychology and philosophy graduate. "Travelling is food for the soul. All the people I have met through training and martial arts around the world have always been incredible people.

When you're training with guys who literally have your life in their hands, you have to have enormous trust. There's a bond that has to be there. It's almost like a family."

On Saturday, Saggo faces Rustam Khabilov, the most daunting assignment of his fighting life to date. The Dagestanian carries a 20-3 record into the Air Canada Centre and has already won three times this year.

Saggo, however, is on the brink of racking up a third triumph of his own this year.

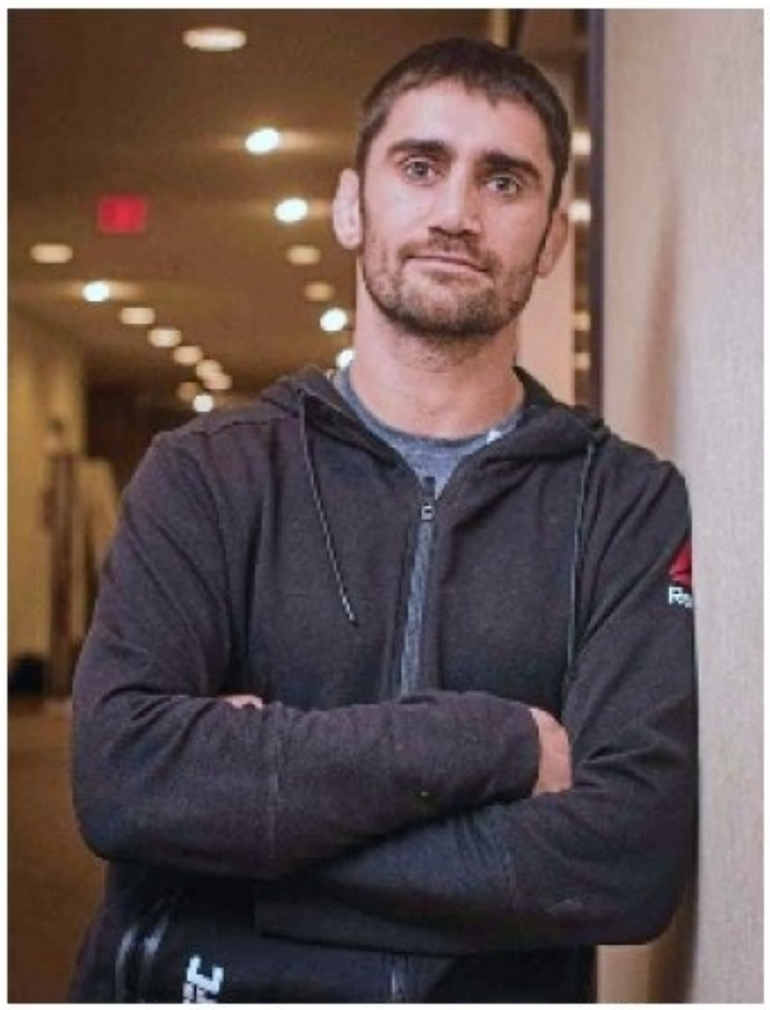
"I wanted to go 3-0 and fight in Vegas," he said. "I'm almost there, I went to Vegas and got the win in the first round, no damage. Second fight was a tough fight but I beat him. And now I'm fighting a tough guy. He's upper echelon, so for me to beat a guy of his calibre would be a huge jump in my career."

Charlottetown is where Saggo hangs his hat these days, having moved there with his girlfriend four years ago. The relative seclusion of Prince Edward Island appealed to someone who knew plenty of it having worked as forest firefighter in B.C. and tree planter in northern Ontario.

In unsettled times for Canadian UFC fighters — Georges St-Pierre very much in exile and Rory MacDonald departed — Saggo is eager to fill the void.

"They need someone to step up and represent for Canadian fighters," he said. "This is a huge opportunity, this is why for me to go 3-0 this year would be a huge step. It would put me up there as the top Canadian fighter in the 155-pound division, would be a career high."

The journey continues.



Toronto native Jason Saggo takes on Rustam Khabilov on Saturday night. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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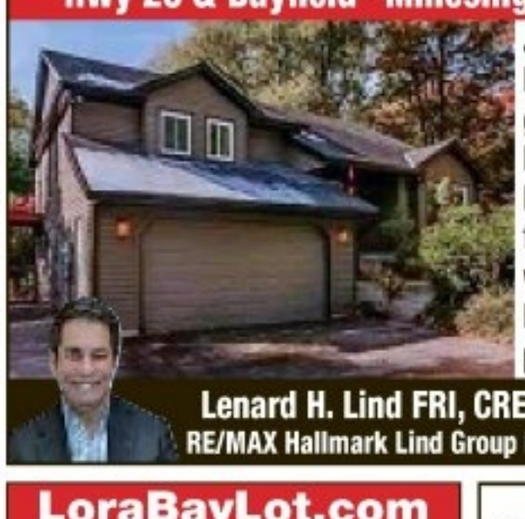

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Canadian Letourneau keen to perform at home

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UFC 206
Woman on a mission

Montrealer is determined to create a legacy

Joe Callaghan
Metro | Toronto

Valerie Letourneau is in a hurry to get back to winning ways — and secure an important legacy.

Canada's leading female fighter returns to the octagon at UFC 206 in Toronto on Saturday on the back of successive defeats. Having kicked off her run in the organization in a blaze of glory, the Montreal veteran, now based in Florida, is hoping her return home coincides with a victory over prospect Viviane Pereira.

"I want to make my people proud. I've always been like that," Letourneau told Metro. "I like to fight here but I'm more nervous when I fight here. At the same time, I love to represent my country."

Letourneau missed out on a strawweight championship last year, losing a gripping title fight to Joanna Jedrzejczyk. Her aim is to fight for another belt — but by forcing the UFC to finally open a female featherweight division.

"My only goal is to get back to a championship fight and I'm really hoping that they're going to have a 125-pound division," said the 33-year-old who lost a trial fight at 125 to Joanne Calderwood in June. "This is one thing that hurts from my last fight, we had the chance to open up that division and I put in my worst fight. It's been pushed back a little bit. My goal would be to fight for a championship at 125. That would be a great legacy."

NBA RAPTORS TEAR TIMBERWOLVES TO SHREDS
Raptors' Jonas Valanciunas, left, shoots the ball against the Minnesota Timberwolves at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. The Raptors easily beat Andrew Wiggins' Minnesota 124 - 110.
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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Zesty Lemon Orzo Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This zingy recipe yields a lot of soup, which is good news since it tastes even better the next day.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 5
Cook time: 25
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 8 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 cup orzo
- 1/2 lb of skinless, bonelesschicken breast, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup of lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Small handful of parsley, chopped

Directions

1. In large pot, bring stock to a boil. Add the orzo and reduce heat just slightly so it simmers 10 minutes.

2. Now add the chicken to the pot with the stock and orzo and simmer for 10 more minutes.

3. While that's cooking away, crack your eggs into a bowl and whisk in the lemon juice. Using a ladle, scoop out some hot broth and add small of stream to your egg mixture while whisking. Add as much hot stock as it takes to really warm up the egg so it won't scramble in the soup.

4. Now pour your egg mixture into your soup pot. Cook for another 2 or 3 minutes or until it thickens slightly. Season to taste. Serve with a sprinkle of chopped parsley.

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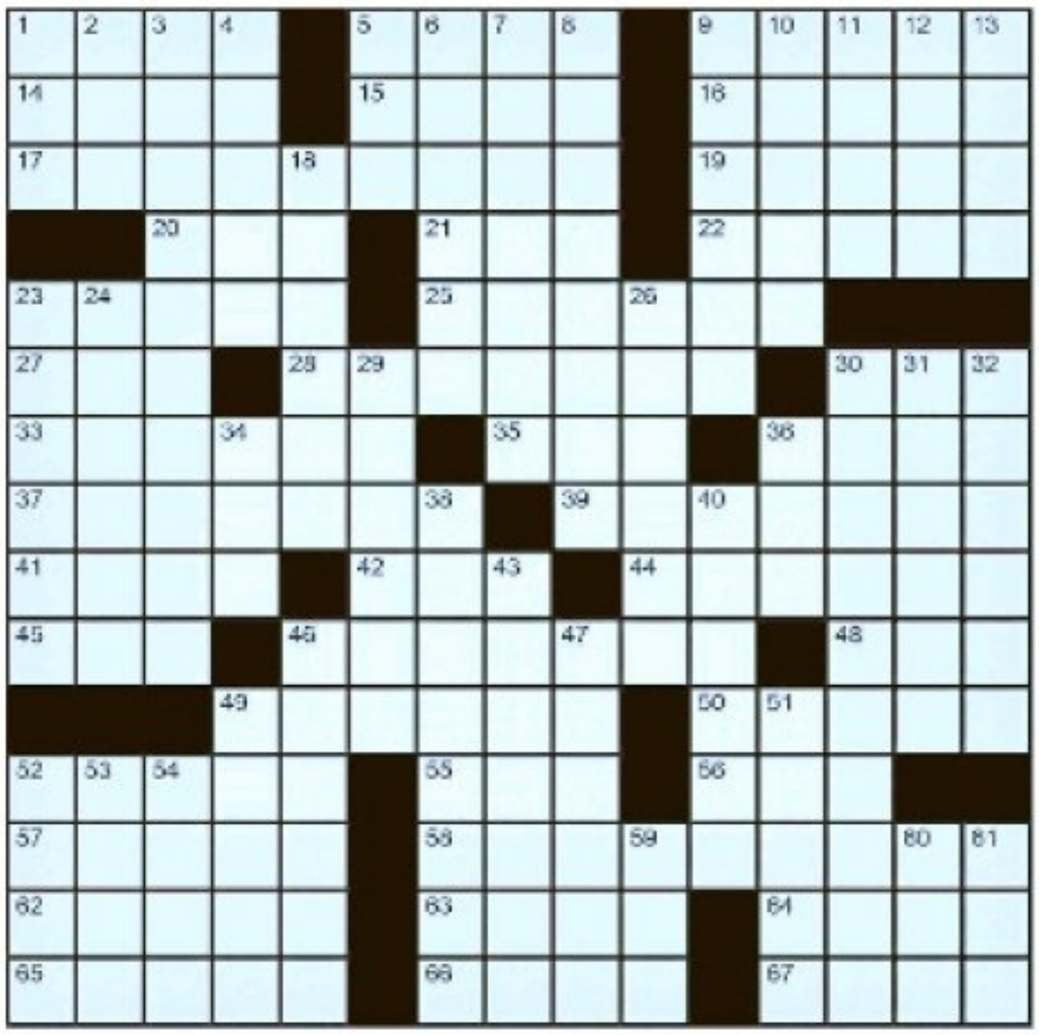

ACROSS
1. Davy Crockett portrayer Mr. Parker
5. Fashion
9. 'Speak' like Shakespeare
14. Italian harp
15. Singleton
16. __ album
17. Flexibility
19. James Bond portrayer Mr. Moore
20. "__ thousand times."
21. US lawyers' org.
22. A-List
23. Exasperated expletives!
25. "Pretty good!": 2 wds.
27. Ms. Gardner who was married to Frank Sinatra
28. __ salt
30. "Come again?"
33. Empty-__ (Parent whose kids have flown the coop)
35. Theological sch.
36. Window piece
37. Debit card service in Canada
39. Island of Indonesia
41. Put a lawyer to work
42. Bathroom water source
44. Many call it football
45. Feminine pronoun
46. Obtained, as consumer goods
48. Fedora, for one
49. CBC's "Rick __ Report"
50. Canadian painter Ms. Carr
52. Prank
55. __, or Ardor: A Family Chronicle (1969 Vladimir Nabokov novel)
56. "Shiny Happy People" r.o.c.k.e.r.s.
57. Was inclined, like Pisa the Tower
58. "Today" on NBC co-anchor Ms. Guthrie, and namesakes
62. Venetian traveller Mr. Polo
63. Salt Lake City's state
64. High-fiving sound
65. Ranch animal
66. Filming venues
67. Greyish

DOWN
1. Flight watchdog org.
2. Energy unit
3. Toronto-based toymaker of the flying-off-the-shelves toys at #30-Down: 2 wds.
4. Beauty parlor
5. Pre-Tue. day
6. "__ Only" by Adele
7. Coureurs __ __ (Canoe-travelling fur traders of the woods in New France)
8. Substitutes
9. Banquet
10. Get __ of (Contact)
11. Boo Boo's cartoon pal
12. Leave in, in proofreading
13. Ripped
18. 1963 hit for The Essex: "__ Said Than Done"
23. Particular pastry
24. Toronto thoroughfare, __ Road
26. Confuse
29. Public speaker
30. The must-have toys of Christmas 2016
31. Fanciful
32. Robust
34. Mr. Danson of "Cheers"
36. BC's li'l ocean
38. Mountain chain in Eurasia
40. "__ Family" (ABC comedy)
43. Antecede
46. Sphere
47. Dapper piece of neckwear
49. Festive fare, __ pies
51. Smart people's gr.
52. Donations
53. Shipshape
54. Weight allowance
59. Sneeze-starting sounds...
60. "Very funny."
61. Undercover agent

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is the perfect day to make travel plans, because you are excited and enthusiastic. Don't hesitate to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is an excellent day for discussions about shared property, inheritances and how to deal with taxes and debt. You might end up laughing all the way to the bank.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Relations with partners and close friends are friendly and upbeat today. This is a wonderful day to enjoy the company of others. Get out and schmooze!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You want to do your very best on the job today because you are positive-minded and happy about your work. Work-related travel also is likely.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a great day to meet others for a fun, social occasion. Enjoy the arts, sports events, playful activities with children and romantic liaisons.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Family discussions will go well today. This is a particularly good day to discuss real estate negotiations or how to share or divide something with a family member.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Writers and salespeople will be successful today, because it's easy for Librans to be positive-minded. And we all know about the power of positive thinking!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Business and commerce are favored today. Look for ways to expand your earnings. You also might see ways to make money on the side or even get a better job.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You're happy today. That's because your ruler, Jupiter, is dancing beautifully with the Sun in your sign. Yes, it doesn't get much better than this!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It's easy to feel content in life today because you are quietly happy. You feel confident; furthermore, you feel positive about your future. (And you should.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a popular day for Aquarians! Enjoy hanging out with friends. You also will enjoy all of your exchanges with people in groups, clubs, classes and associations.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Because you make a fabulous impression on others today, go after what you want. Now is the day to put forth your agenda with bosses and parents.

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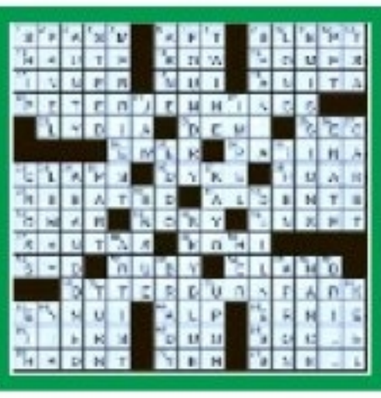

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